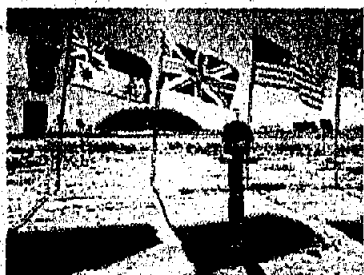


## Pretty cool

A Terrace man heads to Antarctica for a 13-month stint at the South Pole  
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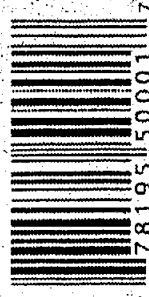
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## Anti-raffle policy hurts local groups

By JEFF NAGEL

A GOVERNMENT crackdown on who can hold raffles is threatening an innovative school band program and annual Christmas dinners for the mentally handicapped.

Both the Dare to Dream Foundation and the Stepping Stone Clubhouse have been told they can no longer sell raffle tickets.

At Stepping Stone's Greig Ave. drop-in centre, clients have already made a quilt and needlepoint art as prizes to raffle off and don't understand what's changed this year.

"They're missing out on over \$3,000," said Katie Law, who volunteers to sell raffle tickets each year for the clubhouse. "That's how they have the Christmas dinner every year."

Money raised last year is set aside to pay for this month's Christmas dinner, but 2005 may not be as jolly.

The raffle money also helps clients go on day trips throughout the region and has paid for a variety of clubhouse amenities over the years.

"It's not just Christmas dinner," Law said. "It's Easter dinner. And a lot of the extras the guys get to do like rent movies."

"They had bought themselves a VCR with that money. They bought themselves a pool table with that money," she added. "There's a lot of things they're not going to be able to do."

The rejection is one example of a recurring problem hitting groups around town.

The Stepping Stone Clubhouse is a program administered through the North-

ern Health Authority. Because the NHA is a government-financed health provider, gaming money is off limits.

Up until April of this year the government agent's office here had authority to approve raffle applications themselves, employees there say.

But now groups apply online and officials in Victoria won't bend the rules.

"Gaming grant funds are intended solely for funding community-based programs and services," says gaming policy branch official Nikki McCallum.

"Programs publicly funded, such as school programs and hospital programs, wouldn't be eligible because they're already funded by the public."

It's a similar story with the Dare to Dream Foundation, which raises money to help subsidize school band programs that

had been threatened by budget cuts.

The foundation's latest raffle application has been rejected because it supports education, which the province pays for.

"Gaming funds, including licensed gaming moneys, can't be used for transference for curricular purposes to school districts for school purposes or for any of their programs or activities," says McCallum.

Dare to Dream must raise \$15,000 per year, money matched by Alcan and the school district, in order to pay for a band teacher and keep the \$60,000 band program alive.

"We can't use a raffle so then what do we do?" asked Marilyn Kerr, a Dare to Dream volunteer.

She said the group will look for other ways to raise money, but added the raffle

was effective.

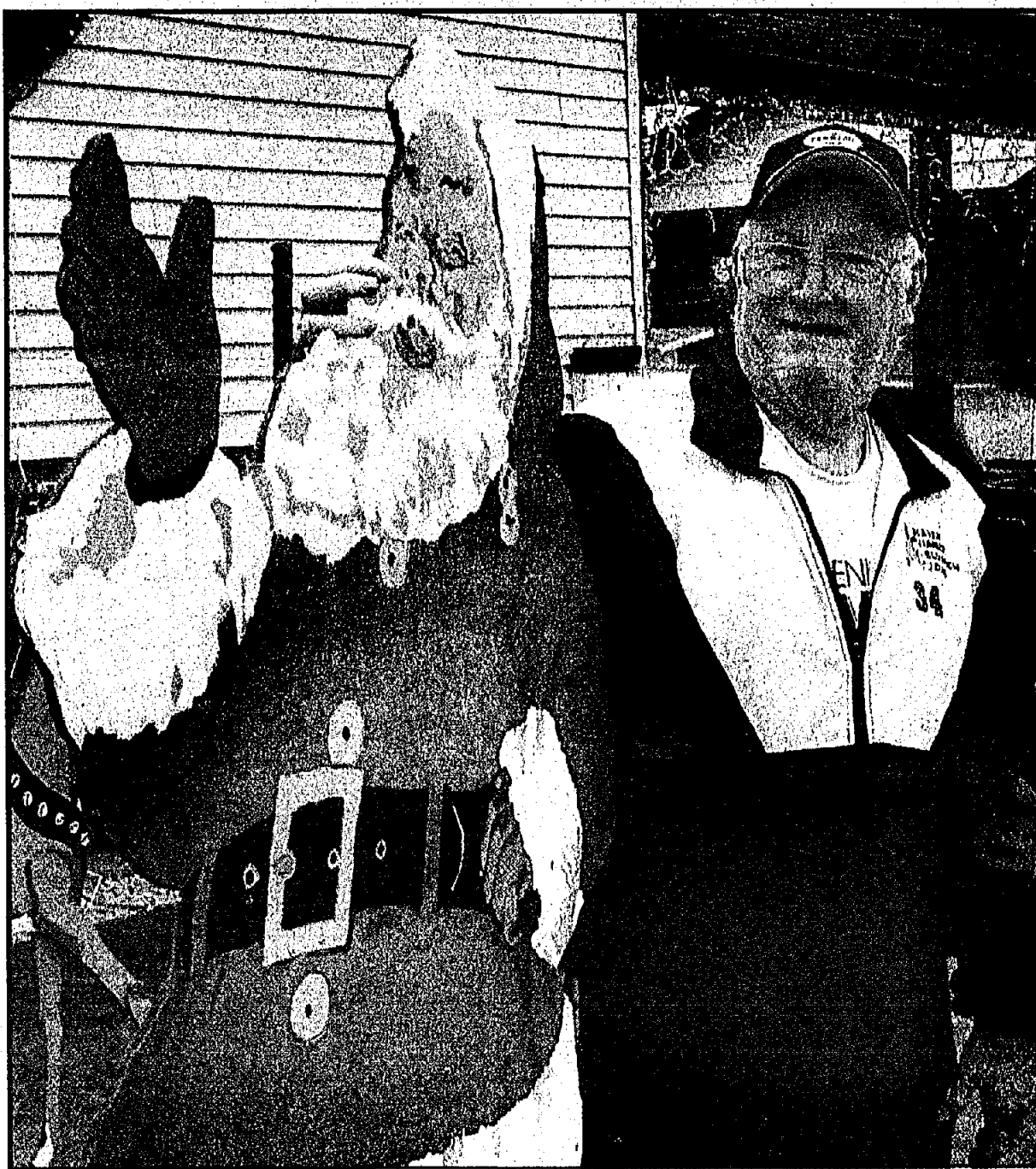
"With our little raffle, if we're lucky, we make \$3,000 or \$4,000," Kerr said. "We were trying to have two per year — one in the fall and one in the spring — to raise the majority of the money."

Right now the band program runs during school hours. If it pulls it back outside school hours, it could requalify for the raffle.

But foundation chair Donna Ziegler says they don't want to go the route of making kids in the program pay, because that will exclude students whose families can't afford it.

The Dare to Dream solution to avert the cutting of school band here was held up as one of the innovative measures government encourages.

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## Have Santa, am happy

BUD KIRKALDY on Alder St. in Thornhill continues a tradition of lighting and decorating for Christmas that he figures stretches back 30 years. He adjusts and changes the display each year. MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

## Coastal band set to be major player

By JEFF NAGEL

THE LAX KW'ALAAMS band is poised to become the region's largest timber holder after outbidding Terrace-area bands for Tree Farm Licence No. 1.

It thrusts the Tsimshian band near Prince Rupert into a position of control over resources claimed by the Terrace area's Kitselas and Kitsumkalum bands — who are also Tsimshian and were also bidding for the TFL.

Supreme Court Justice Donald Brenner last week approved the New Skeena bankruptcy trustee's plan to sell the 430,000 cubic metre licence to Lax Kw'alaams-owned Coast Tsimshian Resources Ltd. for \$4.815 million.

The deal also includes the 50-acre Poirier log yard just east of Frank St. and other private timber lands Skeena owns north of Terrace.

The sale to Lax Kw'alaams, sometimes called Port Simpson, has sparked anxiety that splitting off the timber will undermine efforts to restart the Terrace sawmill.

Retired logger Mario Da Costa is circulating a petition calling for restrictions to ensure the timber is available to local mills.

The Kitselas and Kitsumkalum had proposed to buy the tree farm licence in partnership with Terrace logging contractors Main Logging and Bear Creek Contracting, says Ron Bartlett, CEO of the Kitsumkalum's logging arm, Kalum Ventures Ltd.

"We would enter into a log supply agreement with them to give them the logs they need to run the sawmill," said Bartlett. "With that we would be able to put 250 people to work right away."

He said he's worried the Lax Kw'alaams would be market loggers and send the wood out of the region.

"They are not interested in operating any local facilities," Bartlett said. "Being market loggers, you log when the market is good and let it sit when it's not."

He also noted the Lax Kw'alaams purchase would terminate the perpetual contracts of three local logging contractors — Main, Don Hull and Sons and K'shian Logging.

Those contractors are in court again tomorrow to fight the terminations.

Lax Kw'alaams chief councillor Garry Reece said there's no cause for alarm.

"We're willing to meet with people and work with people in the Terrace area," he said.

Reece said the sale, which is to close Jan. 15, will boost the band's existing timber holdings to 730,000 cubic metres.

"It's a huge amount for our band and we're quite excited about it," Reece said.

He said some of the money for the purchase is coming from the band's recent logging profits. They're borrowing the rest of the money.

Don Hull and Sons president Lloyd Hull is optimistic, despite the potential termination of his evergreen contract.

"They contacted us and they said they want to work with us," Hull said. "They would like to keep the expertise in the area that's here."

He said his firm expects to meet with the Lax Kw'alaams in the days ahead.

"They were extending an olive branch," Hull said. "Of course, we're interested in anything that makes sense."

There's no reason to expect the sawmill will be starved of timber if the TFL is under different ownership, he added.

"There is an awful lot of wood available

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## Jobless rate dips again and is below 10 per cent

THE REGIONAL unemployment rate dropped in November, continuing a gradual turnaround that began in late summer.

Statistics Canada figures for November, based on Employment Insurance data, show an official unemployment rate of 9.3 per cent.

That's down from October's 9.5 per cent, September's 11.5 per cent and August's 12.1 per cent for the area from the Queen Charlotte Islands to near Vanderhoof.

The number of people aged 15 and over registered as being in the labour force has also been rising, from 49,400 in September to 49,700 in November.

Of that November figure, 4,600 people were listed as being unemployed but part of the available labour force, 11,300 had part time jobs and 33,700 had full time employment.

The number of full time jobs slipped a bit from October's figure of 33,800 and the number of part time jobs went up from 10,700.

And 22,300 people were officially listed as not being part of the labour force in November compared to 22,700 in October.

The 2004 numbers are better than the ones for the equivalent period last year when the posted unemployment rate for August 2003 was 12.1 per cent, 11.4 per cent in September

2003 and 10.6 per cent in both October and November 2003.

This November's full and part time work force count topped the November 2003 total, reversing figures for October and September which were lower than for the same two months in 2003.

The overall population of working age people 15 years and older in the region, according to Statistics Canada, remains down at 72,000 in November when compared to the 72,800 recorded for the same month in 2003.

Declining unemployment rates were registered in every other area of the province which, as a whole, had a drop from seven per cent in October to 6.4 per cent in November.

November's provincial unemployment rate is the lowest since 1981.

The lowest unemployment rate in November is in the Thompson-Okanagan where it was five per cent. Victoria's rate was 5.7 per cent and it was 6.4 per cent in Vancouver.

The Cariboo came in with a rate of 5.7 per cent compared to 7.3 per cent in October.

Nationally, Canada's unemployment rate in November was listed at 7.3 per cent, up from October's 6.8 per cent but still better than the 7.5 per cent of November 2003.



## Skeena Jr.'s got heart

JOE TELEK holds up two heart-shaped boxes that are part of a donation of handmade wooden toys his Grade 10 class is donating to Terrace Anti-Poverty's Christmas Campaign. To learn more, turn to Page B1. JENNIFER LANG PHOTO



# Gov't sounds the retreat from restrictive bingo rule

VICTORIA is backing down from a rule change that blocked local groups from using bingo proceeds to buy equipment for the hospital.

The Mills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary lost its bingo licence last June because of new guidelines that took effect in January, stating bingo revenue can't go to hospital equipment.

"I think it's absolutely ludicrous," auxiliary president Avelline McConnell said.

"We raise funds to buy equipment for Mills Memorial Hospital and Terraceview Lodge," she said. "That is basically our mandate. We really can't do anything else with the funds because of our constitution."

The bingo revenue generated more than \$25,000 per year, McConnell said.

But gaming policy branch official Nikki McCallum said late last week the prov-

ince has reconsidered the policy and will be notifying affected groups that they can reapply for bingo licences.

The change has not yet been posted to the gaming branch's web site.

McCallum said some groups lost bingo licences before the policy was "clarified" in late summer.

"They will be contacted," she said. "Their application will be reconsidered."

Contacted again by the Standard, McConnell says the auxiliary had not yet been notified of the reversal.

"You're kidding," she said. "That's great news. I am going to ask if we can get that in writing."

"We'll re-apply and see what we can do," she added. A series of previous appeals by the auxiliary had been rejected.

Over the years the bingo money has helped buy a

long list of equipment at Mills Memorial, including new specialized beds for the intensive care unit, a blood bank fridge and a new sterilizer for the operating room worth more than \$40,000.

The most recent purchases have been 10 wheelchairs and one geriatric wheelchair worth \$4,000.

"I think it is money that has been well spent," McConnell said.

Loss of the bingo licence eliminated about a third of the nearly \$90,000 per year the auxiliary raises. The rest comes from running its hospital gift shop and Lazelle Ave. thrift store.

The rule change also affected the Terrace Elks, who raise money from bingo and normally contribute \$7,000 to \$10,000 per year for hospital equipment.

"We've really stopped at this point in time," club

president Lawrence Baker said, adding the Elks fear they would also lose their bingo licence if they continued those donations.

In recent years the Elks have paid \$32,000 to buy four high-tech beds equipped with an electric lift for one hospital ward.

Baker also said the Elks had been told they can no longer sponsor two rooms at the hospital, contributing to their upkeep with fresh paint jobs and new furniture when needed.

McCallum said the Elks will now be allowed to contribute to the hospital auxiliary to provide equipment, but added it's unclear if the group can donate directly to the hospital.

Both the Elks and the hospital auxiliary had been told bingo money can't go towards hospital equipment, but only to items and

services for patient comfort. That means services like music and art therapy, games, books and magazine subscriptions and animal visitations.

McConnell says those patient comfort services are already largely supplied by community volunteers, adding paying money to have someone provide them is a waste. "To me that's an irresponsible use of money," she said.

Over the last three years community groups here have donated \$440,000 towards hospital equipment, providing nearly a third of Mills Memorial's total equipment budget.

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## From front

# MLA hopes to ease raffle regs

But Kerr said the gaming rules have undermined that achievement.

"We're encouraged to do private-public partnerships with government agencies in order to have things in our community that aren't funded," she said. "There shouldn't be any roadblocks."

"If you are not funded for the things you want in your community, you ought to be able to raise money to have it."

The province, which says it is backing down on rules that have blocked gaming money from going toward hospital equipment, shows no sign of relenting on the raffle regulations.

Skeena MLA Roger Harris is hopeful there may be a solution for Dare to Dream.

"I think we can actually fix that for them," he said. "Where people have come and dealt with our office we've been pretty helpful in getting them fixed up."

Harris said he has dealt with a number of groups with similar problems, and said a gaming policy official will be coming to the region to hold a workshop with affected groups.

"We're having a meeting with all of the groups and they're going to lay out how they get to where they want to go."

He said other examples of affected groups include the Royal Canadian Legion, which plans to construct a new building, and a group that wants to build a rubberized track at Skeena Jr. Secondary School.

"A lot of people like to use lotteries to raise money for long term projects," Harris said. "It's supposed to be spent each year, not sitting in a bank account somewhere."

Another factor is that government control of bingo and gaming money has been a touchy issue since scandals under the NDP.

Harris said the province has tried to avoid a scenario where it is in charge of giving gaming money to itself.

But he said the difficulties experienced by local groups have highlighted problems that need to be addressed.

"It's shown some of these rules weren't being enforced because they probably didn't work very well," he said.

## Weekly Weather Report

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29	0.5	-2.3	9.4
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2	1.8	-1.0	27.2

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# Nisga'a leader passes away

ROD ROBINSON, who died at his New Aiyansh home on Nov. 30 at the age of 74 after a lengthy illness, is being called the determined force behind the Nisga'a quest for a land claims treaty.

"I think it's fair to say Rod Robinson was the political and organizational giant of the Nisga'a nation," said former Skeena NDP MP Jim Fulton last week in recalling a relationship of more than 25 years.

"He was one of the most energetic people to come out of the Nass Valley."

Fulton noted that Robinson was a tireless worker as the Nisga'a Tribal Council's executive director in the years leading up to the Nisga'a treaty.

"Rod led relentless numbers of delegations to meet ministers, Prime Ministers, to attend parliamentary committee meetings," Fulton said.

"He not only pursued the treaty, but was very wise about fisheries, the forests, human rights and was well-known in the faith community."

Similar accolades came out at a Dec. 5 memorial service in the New Aiyansh Recreation Centre and at a funeral at the Holy Trinity Church in New Aiyansh the following day.

Large crowds attended both services and a settlement feast that followed the funeral service.

Born in 1930 in Giklakdamix (New Aiyansh) to George Henry Robinson and Pauline Mary Robinson, Rod Robinson, as was the case with many of his generation, was sent away to residential school.

Upon his return to the Nass Valley, Robinson took up commercial fishing and logging. His connection to the Nisga'a treaty was cemented in the early 1950s when he joined the new Nisga'a Tribal Council, which replaced the Nisga'a Land Committee.

The land committee dated back to the late 1800s and was formed with the explicit purpose of advancing Nisga'a land title and self government.

Robinson became a vice president of the tribal council in 1973, leaving that post to become its executive director in 1981 before retiring in 1999. It was during his tenure as executive director that the tribal council succeeded in starting and concluding negotiations for a land claims treaty.

Frank Howard, another former NDP MP for Skeena, remembers first meeting Robinson and other Nisga'a in Ottawa in the early 1960s.

"They were there to speak to a joint House of Commons and Senate committee, which was pretty rare, on Indian affairs. I remember them speaking about an account that was set up in the 1920s, a special B.C. grant, by a committee which said



AN EARLY 1960s photo, above, shows Rod Robinson, far right, and Frank Calder, far left, flanking Skeena NDP Member of Parliament Frank Howard. Robinson, Calder and other Nisga'a leaders made countless trips to Ottawa over decades in pursuit of a Nisga'a treaty. On the right is a more contemporary portrait.

in essence that while native people did not have a case for land claims, here was some money," Howard recalls.

"Rod and the others argued that the very fact the grant was set up in effect recognized there were land claims," Howard recalls.

Robinson was one of four young Nisga'a who spearheaded the treaty issue beginning in the 1950s. James Gosnell, who became a president of the tribal council, passed away 1988.

Left are Hubert Doolan and Frank Calder, whose name was attached to the now-famous 1976 Supreme Court of Canada case, which helped launch the negotiations ultimately leading to the Nisga'a treaty in 2000.

Robinson was also an elected chief councillor in his home village of Giklakdamix and a founding member of both the Nass Valley School District and the valley's health board in addition to holding an executive position with the old International Woodworkers of America union.

Current Nisga'a Lisims Government president Nelson Leeson was a teenager when he first met Robinson.

"I was intimidated. Here was a very imposing guy, a good looking fellow, with his fingers through this big belt buckle," said Leeson.

They worked together years later on the tribal council and Leeson said he learned much.

"He was the point man. He was the person we knew we could send out to make speeches. He was a fantastic speaker, an amazing orator," Leeson said. "He had the advantage of being educated in Western society and in our world."

Following his retirement, Robinson was appointed the first Ambassador of the Nisga'a Lisims Government and was elected chair of its Council of Elders in 2000.

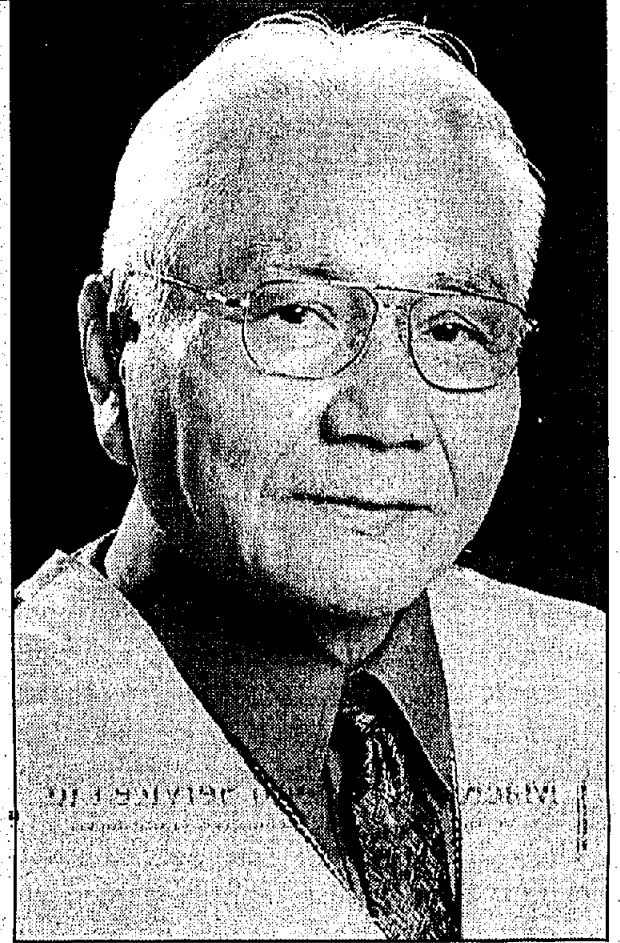
He was also a deacon of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in New Aiyansh and the Canon of St. Andrews Cathedral in Prince Rupert. Robinson's Nisga'a name was Sim'oogit Mince'eskiv and he was a hereditary chief of the Eagle clan.

Too ill to make the trip to Ottawa earlier this year to accept an Order of Canada, it was presented to him by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson when she visited the Nass this past October.

Married to Marjorie, they had seven sons - Gerald, Roderick Jr., Reginald, William, Henry (Hank), Wakefield and Ralph - and three daughters, Faith Tait, Georgia Clayton, Daphne P. Robinson. A fourth daughter, Marie Crier, was adopted.

Robinson is predeceased by his parents, four brothers, two sisters and numerous aunts and uncles in the House of Mince'eskiv.

Robinson's eulogy was read by Gary Patsey, a maternal nephew.



## Here Comes Santa!

### SKEENA MALL SANTA HOURS HOLIDAY CALENDAR • DECEMBER 2004

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19 11-5 PM	20 12-5 PM	21 12-5 PM	22 12-5 PM	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Skeena Mall is Closed
26 Boxing Day Skeena Mall is Closed	27	28	29	30	31 Skeena Mall Closes at 5 PM New Year's Eve!	

The picture of Santa indicates that he will be in the mall on that day.

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## Rod Robinson

ANY ONE who ever met Rod Robinson, the Nisga'a leader who died Nov. 30, 2004, could not help but be charmed by his sense of humour. More importantly, they were struck by his absolute devotion and commitment to the people of the Nass Valley.

To Mr. Robinson and the tiny group of people who banded together in the 1950s, the pursuit of a treaty which was ultimately concluded in 2000 was never about a land claim. It was always framed as a question – the Nisga'a land question, a challenge to Canadian governments to satisfy the honour of the crown in recognizing the rights and aspirations of the Nisga'a people.

Mr. Robinson's generation was very much a bridge to resolving that question. Before him and the others of his time went the first Nisga'a Land Committee established in 1890 and a Nisga'a petition on self government presented to the British Privy Council in 1913.

The land committee was reformed in the 1950s as the Nisga'a Tribal Council, the body which took the land question through the Supreme Court of Canada and to the treaty talks of the 1990s.

Mr. Robinson played a seminal role through these decades as an elected official with the New Aiyansh band council and with the tribal council, serving first as its vice president and then as its executive director.

These were long years, punctuated by lengthy absences from the Nass Valley. There were undoubtedly too many hours spent in airport waiting rooms, on airplanes, in hotel rooms and sitting around countless conference and negotiating tables for the all-consuming task of recognition for the Nisga'a.

Through these years Mr. Robinson was sustained by his Anglican faith. A warden and deacon of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in New Aiyansh, Mr. Robinson was also made Canon of St. Andrews Cathedral in Prince Rupert.

A speech given by Mr. Robinson to an assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1983, lays out the foundation upon which he based his belief.

*"Our land is indeed a holy land. Our identity is inseparable from our land. By definition, a Nisga'a does not exist in the fullness of his 'being' without a complete melding of his land, language, laws, tribal system and spiritual values."*

*"The fundamental integrating force for this holistic existence has always been our belief in God. Since the time the missionaries brought the Gospel to us, Christianity has been the integrating and central element in our society. It is the continuing demand of God for unity within the Body of Christ which calls our community together and which gives our culture and tribal system its power and its strength."*



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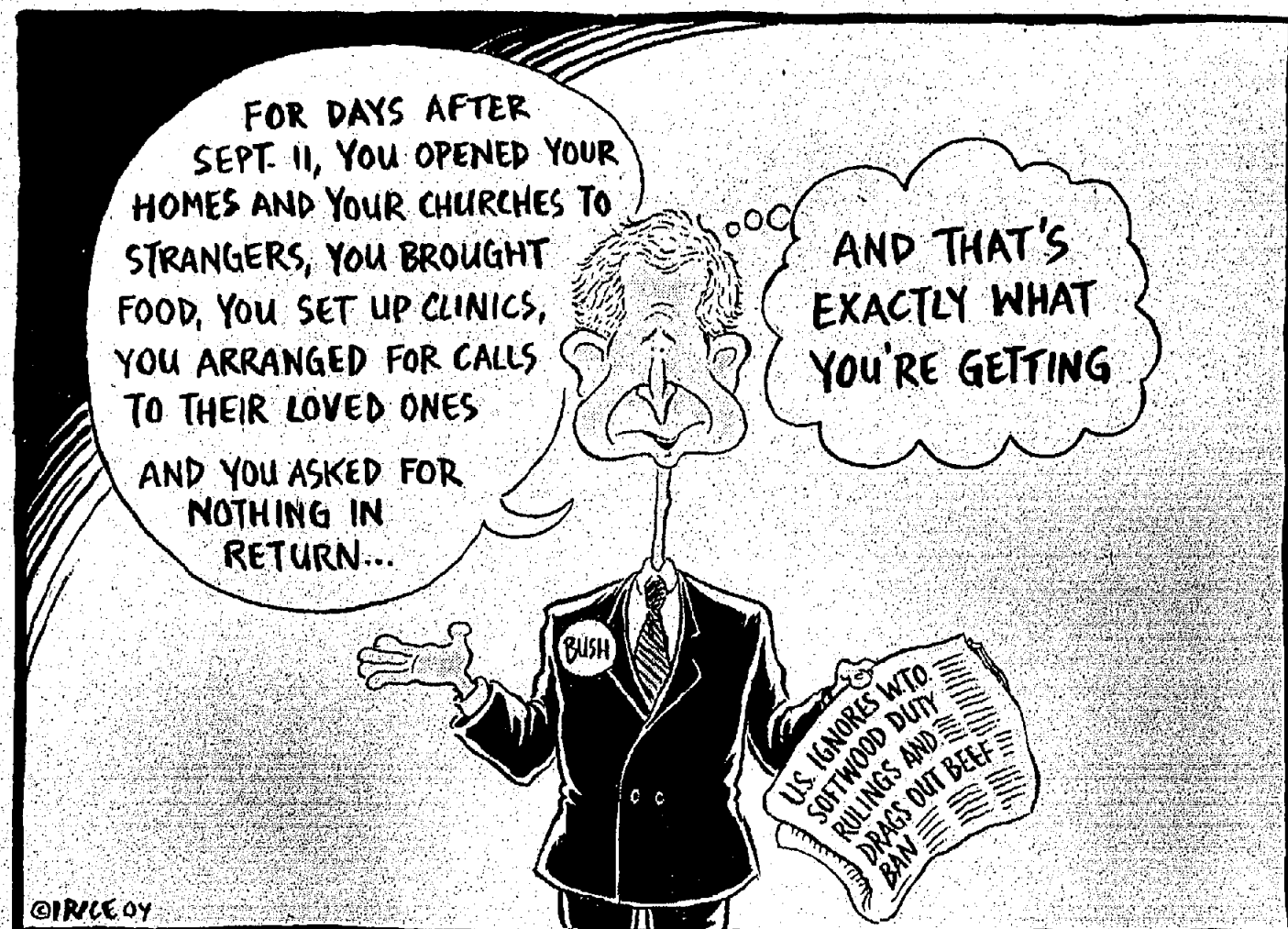
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## Canada - a world class pimp

VICTORIA - Most Canadians would be dead ashamed to know that their government is playing pimp to desperate women from around the world.

But it is, helping to recruiting 665 women last year to come to Canada and work in sleazy strip clubs, doing lap dances and more for half-drunk men.

For seven years now the Canadian government has been a partner in the global sex trade, offering special two-year immigration permits to women recruited to come here and work in strip clubs. Send a naked picture to immigration officials - that's demanded to prove that you're willing to do the work - and the usually tough immigration rules are relaxed.

The special visa program is supposed to cover jobs that Canadians can't or won't do.

But strip club owners have managed to convince the federal government that they should have the right to hunt the world for desperate women to work the floors of their bars. It is a national disgrace.

It's no coincidence that the program started seven years ago. University of Toronto law pro-



FROM THE CAPITAL  
PAUL WILLCOCKS

fessor Audrey Macklin, who has studied the issue, says that's when strip clubs began demanding contact with customers and sex acts from dancers. They couldn't find Canadian women willing to enter this new branch of the sex trade, so they appealed to the Liberal government for help. And to their shame, the government said yes.

Young women are recruited from Costa Rica or Mexico or Romania, either by local agents or brokers who travel from Canada to find them and sign them on to work in Canadian bars.

It's all legal. The government

issues visas - once immigration officials see the nude photo and a job offer - and the women are brought here. They know no one, often speak little English and are completely dependent on the brokers, who arrange apartments - often over-priced - tell them where to work and generally control their lives. They are sent back home if they stop working, or complain about being forced into the sex trade. It is a formula for exploitation.

The government can't plead ignorance. Almost from the time the program began, police and others have been warning that the women were being exploited and coerced into the sex trade.

Six years ago the RCMP, immigration officials and Toronto-area police launched a major investigation that found many of the women were sex slaves, exploited and abused with no way out. They were recruited to dance - or in some cases told they would be cleaning, or singing in clubs - and ended up working as prostitutes.

Other investigations have revealed the same pattern of abuse and exploitation. Once they are here, the women are controlled

and pressured to perform sex acts with a bar's customers. Saying no means deportation, at best. Canadians could walk away from the demands; these women can't.

Incredibly, federal immigration minister Judy Sgro still defends the program. Strip bars are "a strong industry," she says, and if they need help recruiting young women from poor countries as fresh meat, then the Canadian government will be there for them. Imagine someone you love so desperate that she agrees to be treated this way, and how you would feel about the government that was a partner in her debasement.

If Canada cared for one second about the women, it could offer visa programs that would allow them a chance to use other skills in this country. Instead, it wants sex trade workers.

Canada mouth its opposition to the global sex trade, and trafficking in women. But its actions show it for just another pimp.

It's time politicians heard from Canadians who don't want their government sponsoring trafficking in women for the sex trade. Prime Minister Paul Martin's is martin.p@parl.gc.ca.

## Sponsors need a wake up call

RECENTLY VICTORIA awoke to the fact sponsors of immigrants owe our provincial government some \$40 million for welfare to immigrants who required social assistance.

How long has the B.C. government let collection slide to reach \$40 million?

On every sponsorship document, in bold letters above the space for signature, the form warns you will be expected to pay any social assistance costs incurred by the immigrant. All sponsors depend upon immigrants to pay their own way once in Canada.

The \$40 million is owed by family members who promised to support relatives whom they sponsored into this province. But some immigrants don't earn their living, and some sponsors ignore repaying welfare.

Already the B.C. government has collected about \$5 million from about 400 sponsors. But 3,100 have yet to pay up. Currently the Ministry for Provincial Revenue is mailing letters to every sponsor in arrears.

Sponsors who fail to reim-



THROUGH BIFOCALS  
CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

burse the government forthwith will face liens on their houses, garnisheeing of their wages, and re-routing of their federal income tax rebated to the B.C. government.

I expect, when signing a sponsorship form, too many families take it for granted their immigrant relative will support himself. They pooh pooh any risk of having to live up to the document they signed.

Well, think again. Even rela-

tives can be freeloaders. Or they can have real difficulty finding a job that engages their training or skills.

In the meantime, the taxpayer picks up the slack, and another unenforced law makes us sneer at government and politicians.

Too many laws go unenforced.

Take the gun registry. Whether or not you agree with it, the law is guns had to be registered by last January ..... or else. Nonetheless hundreds of guns have not been registered because the government bureaucracy can't keep up with registration paperwork. To save face, the government offered every unregistered gun owner a time extension. So much for that law.

Canada also has hundreds of divorced parents who owe months of spousal or child support. Does government collect? Ontario tries; B.C. doesn't. The result is kids living in poverty at taxpayer expense while the delinquent parent sets up house with another spouse and breeds more dependents.

We also have student default-

ing on college loans. Loans could be renegotiated at a lower percentage for more time. But no. Loans go unpaid. Ding taxpayers extra to make up for this, too.

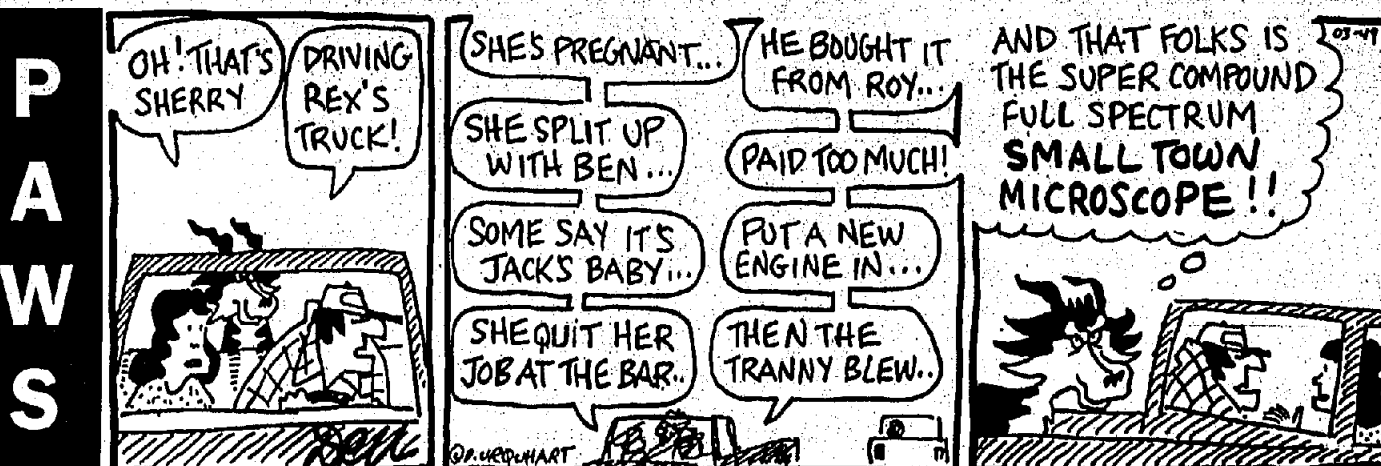
And every day in lower mainland B.C. dozens of passengers ride free on Skytrain. By the end of a year unpaid fares total millions. Yet neither government nor Skytrain has gotten a grip.

By contrast, back in the 1960s in New York's subway system, a transit cop would nab you if you tried to board without dropping a dime in the fare box.

Add to these freeloaders those who avoid paying PST or GST by dealing under the table. Like the burglar who can find a willing fence to buy his stolen goods, every customer who says, "I don't need a receipt", hoping to avoid PST and GST, can probably find a vendor willing to deal.

Still its those taxes that fund government services every citizen expects - medical care, education, highways maintenance, national security.

Sponsors should set aside cash before signing to sponsor any immigrant ... just in case.





# New strips on highway don't work for cyclist

Dear Sir:

The placement of the rumble strips on Hwy 37 to Kitimat, also known as idiot strips.

That's because, as they are designed, they are to alert idiots that they are no longer where they should be.

This may save the lives of said idiots, but at what cost?

As a cyclist, I bike up and down our highways when they are not covered in snow and ice.

And up until this point, I have made every effort to be courteous by biking on the shoulders when possible. With the placement of these idiot strips that is no longer an option.

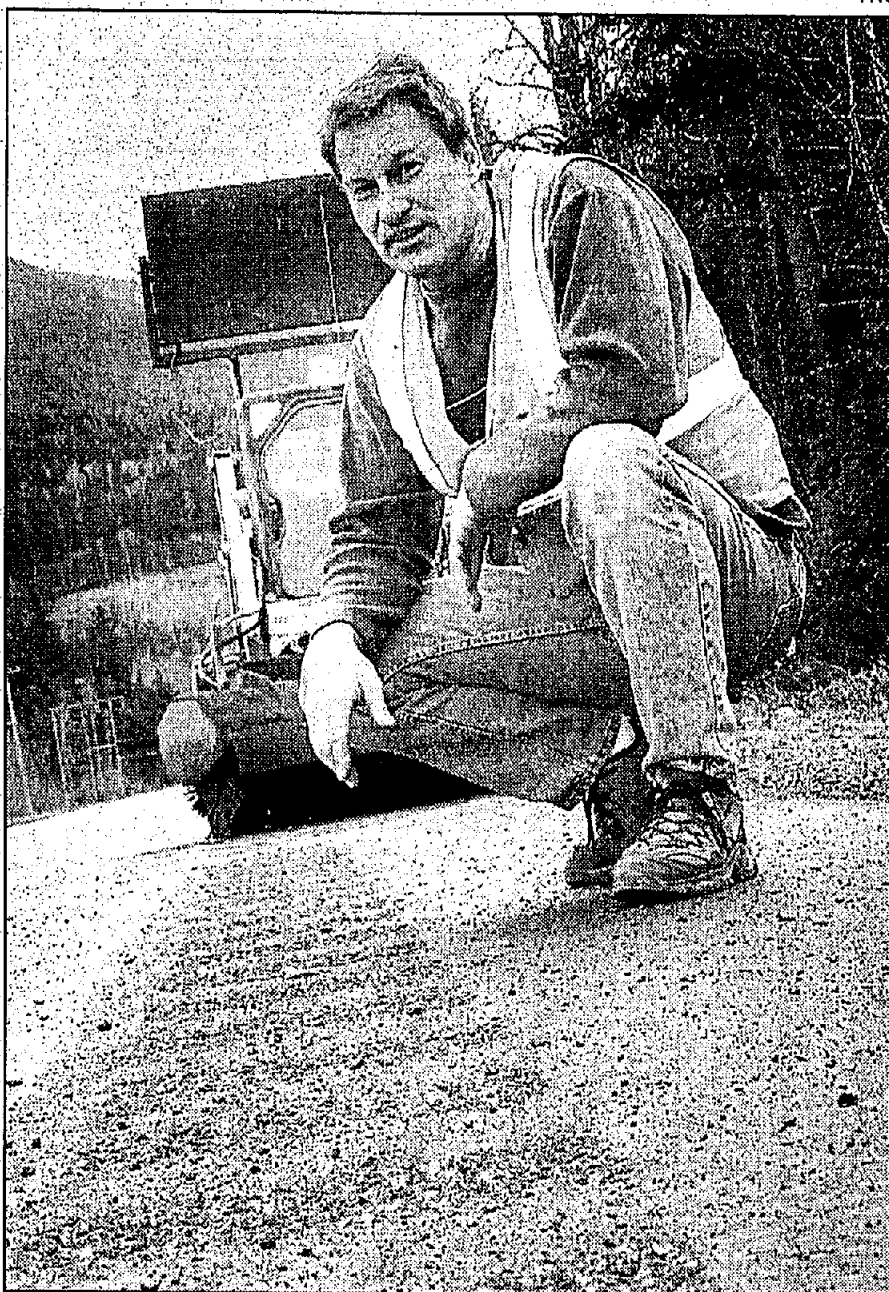
I will be forced to cycle down the highway as a regular vehicle of the road. Given that we have motorists who need Braille to drive down the road, what are my chances of not getting hit while engaged in one of my favourite form of exercise, something that some of these drivers are in desperate need of.

The loss of a few idiots from the gene pool my not be that great, but how many cyclist will have to killed before highways and law enforcement take our safety into consideration.

All I know is that I will have a cell phone with the RCMP on speed dial.

Rudi Peters,  
Terrace, BC

BRIAN FEHR, RIGHT, poses with new rumble strips ground into new asphalt on the highway from Terrace to Kitimat. They are to alert drivers if they begin to stray off the road and over the centre line.



# Pipeline plan just too risky

Dear Sir:

It appears that Kitimat is closer, than ever to the realization of an Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant being located within its borders.

The federal and provincial environmental assessment process seems to be the only major obstacle that is standing in the way of a decision to go ahead with the project.

Provincial energy minister Richard Neufield in a statement from Kitimat on Nov. 29 said that we are pushing hard for the federal government to speed up of the environmental assessment so that a decision can be made for the project approval to take place as soon as possible.

One can not help but get the impression that the environmental assessment process is only a necessary evil that must be carried out to satisfy the public demand for environmental analysis of a project and consultation with the people, but knowing in the end that a project such as the LNG plant will be approved.

Should the LNG plant go ahead, it is my understanding that it will try and sell the product to Eurocan and I would imagine Methanex with the remaining gas shipped via the existing PNG pipeline from Kitimat to markets outside of our area.

The liquefied natural gas will be shipped from I understand Russia; China, Singapore and possibly other countries. At the LNG plant the liquefied product will be converted back to its original gaseous state and shipped after the local sales to U.S. destinations.

If it is found that the PNG pipeline proves inadequate and a new pipeline has to be constructed, it does not take much of genius to determine where a new pipeline route would be located.

A new natural gas pipeline would follow through the lower Kitimat River Valley, then likely overland to and up the Williams Creek Valley, along Trapline Creek, down the Clore River Valley, up the Zymoetz River Valley through the Telkwa Pass and then down the Telkwa River Valley to the Interior and to the US markets.

I am predicting that some time between now and the provincial election in May 2005, at the most opportune time, an announcement will also be made by the provincial government on a proposal to construct an oil pipeline from the Alberta Tarsands to either Kitimat or Prince Rupert, with a terminus in one of the communities.

If this happens, it will be without any public discussion or input into a decision that will have a huge impact upon our area and at the same time be very acrimonious and controversial.

If an oil pipeline is built and what I have read it will be a 30" diameter pipe, guess where it will be located? It will likely be along the same route as I described for a new natural gas pipeline because there is no other logical location.

Should the oil terminal end up in Prince Rupert the pipeline would have to follow the along the Skeena River and possibly through a number of other river valley's before it reaches its destination.

The scale of disturbance to the environment in these river valley's will be extensive, because of the competition for space with the existing PNG natural gas pipeline.

One has to ask the question where is it possible to find room in a steep river valley, or through a narrow pass or along side a prolific fish bearing river or stream where there is little room for the existing 10" PNG line, let alone for an additional gas pipeline and worst of all possible scenarios a 30" oil pipeline?

Where will the oil terminus be located? Is there anywhere in Kitimat or Prince Rupert where it can be located without posing a serious environmental risk to the very valuable fishery and ecosystems adjacent to both communities.

It is incredible that we appear to be heading into the same debate over an oil terminus, tankers and pipelines that took place in the late 1970s when the

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

## The Mail Bag

preserve the quality of the environment that makes our area so famous.

Contrary to short term political solutions and those who promote economic interests over everything else, there are alternatives.

The development of a container terminal in Prince

Rupert has wide spread support. With the bankruptcy of New Skeena Forest Products there is an opportunity to restructure the forest industry to be more diversified and provide more value added products along with a structure that can be more ecologically sustainable.

I am a strong believer that if done right, the forest industry can provide a greater variety of jobs that will be more permanent, reliable and enjoyable to work at.

An industry that we tend to right off for our area is agriculture. I accept that because of our climate and geography it will never be large industry, but it can play an important and legitimate place in our economy.

With transportation costs rising for the shipment of agriculture products from locations such as California, the development of hothouses may not be a financial impossibility, particularly when hot water from the Lakelse Hotsprings is a potential source of heat, along with wood waste. And there is more of that than we know what to do with.

I am not against the LNG plant if it is located far enough away from human habitation to assure that there are no safety risks to the public and if there is an iron clad agreement that a second pipeline will never be built.

On the question of the oil pipeline and terminus, I am opposed to this project going ahead because of the environmental risk.

The excavation required for the installation of the pipeline will cause erosion, sedimentation and a permanent alteration to the river valleys.

Fish productivity, First Nations food fishing, commercial fishing, angling by resident and non-resident anglers, angling guides who carry on a livelihood from the rivers fishery's, eco-tourism and other tourism activities that take place in those same watersheds will all be altered or affected in one way or another.

And what about the life styles enjoyed by those of us who live in this region, which is very much associated with outdoor activities? Many of us who live here do not want this great part of British Columbia torn apart.

As I have shown there are other ways to create jobs and to make a contribution to the economy of the province and the region that does not present such a potentially harmful impact.

Should an oil spill take place as a result of a ruptured pipeline, the damage could be enormous. Imagine if it were next to Williams Creek and the oil flowed down into Lakelse Lake and the Lakelse River.

The thought of the property damage that would take place around the lake and to its eco-system sends shivers up my spine. Think of what would happen if there were 1 million pink salmon in the river at that time. I am not prepared to take that risk.

What about all the small oil spills that do not attract news headlines, but are common enough at oil terminals around the world to cause a cumulative damage to the environment?

While they rarely happen, larger oil spills have taken place and most of us know the damage they cause, particularly in cold water areas such as where we live, where it is impossible to clean them up. Why would anyone be willing to take a risk that is largely going to be beneficial to American consumers and the proponent Enbridge Inc. who will own the pipeline and terminus?

Let us begin the debate and discussion on these two mega projects and what effect they are going to have upon our area and our future lifestyles.

Jim Culp,  
Terrace, B.C.



Jim Culp

Kitimat Pipeline Company Ltd. wanted to ship oil that would arrive by oil tanker from Alaska via a pipeline from Kitimat to the US mid-west. The proposal generated a huge province wide public outcry, a federal enquiry, two applications before the National Energy Board that were turned down and in the end the federal cabinet said no to the project.

Why would any government consider a project that is out of tune with a part of British Columbia that is building a strong tourism industry, which is based on clean water, unspoiled super natural scenery, First Nations Heritage values, and the world famous fish values of the Skeena and Kitimat river watersheds?

A huge investment has been made in a cruise ship industry and other tourism developments. As well, there continues to be a large and important commercial fishery on the North Coast whose very dependence hinges upon a productive Skeena, Kitimat and other north coast rivers.

Not to be forgotten are First Nations food fisheries along Douglas Channel; the waters that tankers would travel through and the Skeena River watershed and its approach waters.

**Should an oil spill take place as a result of a ruptured pipeline, the damage could be enormous. Imagine if it were next to Williams Creek and the oil flowed down into Lakelse Lake and the Lakelse River.**

The current and growing tourism industry is not compatible with oil spills (large or small), the site of oil tankers, excavation of massive amounts of low lying river valley land for a pipeline, along with possible river crossings, tank farms and shipping facilities for oil.

Oil spills large and small would be devastating to the commercial fishing industry and to the First Nations food fisheries.

How many permanent jobs are going to be created by the oil pipeline and oil terminus? I doubt if there are going to be very many. What will be created are property and corporate taxes, royalties, and expenditures by the proponent and its employees in the area resulting in a ripple effect through out the communities and money being funneled into the provincial treasury and in turn into provincial programs.

This, of course, is a positive for the cash-starved cities of Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert. As an alternative, the tourism, forestry, commercial fishing and other industries will contribute a comparable monetary and economic input into the local economy and provincial treasury.

It is important for those of who are residents living in the region to decide what kind of communities we want. Is it wealth and jobs at any cost or are we prepared to be more selective and

## Tributes for Rod Robinson

TRIBUTES BY way of letters and statements in honour the late Rod Robinson have come from near and far in memory of the Nisga'a leader who died Nov. 30.

Below find excerpts from some that have come from government leaders.

### "A tremendous loss"

Mrs. Marjorie Robinson  
New Aiyansh, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Your husband's reputation as a leader of the Nisga'a people is exemplary. He led by example with a conscientious, statesman-like approach. The dignity with which he always conducted himself was worthy of our highest esteem.

Over decades, his strength, perseverance and tireless efforts contributed enormously in securing a fair and honourable Nisga'a Treaty. Through his resolve and determination, the Nisga'a citizens have the foundation to build a future that is ripe with hope and opportunity.

This is a tremendous loss for the Nisga'a people, British Columbians and all Canadians.

The Honourable Andy Scott, PC, MP,  
Minister, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

### "A visionary leader"

A statement by  
Iona V. Campagnolo

Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia

I first met Rod when I was seven and he was eight years old at North Pacific Cannery on the Skeena River.

His parents, like mine, were seasonal workers in the once thriving wild Salmon industry of B.C.'s North Coast. The following year, Rod disappeared into the mysterious absences of the residential school, to return each summer, when as children many of us would sit under the cannery sidewalks near to the river's edge to talk about our lives.

Later at Prince Rupert's Booth Memorial High School, Rod Robinson was among several First Nations students who were later to become leaders in their communities. We graduated from the same class more than 50 years ago, and throughout the years that followed Rod became one of the most articulate and persuasive speakers among us.

Rod Robinson was among those visionary leaders who helped to found the Nisga'a Tribal Council and the Land Committee, formulating what would become the Calder Case in a suit against British Columbia based on their declaration that aboriginal title of the Nisga'a people had never been extinguished.

Through all the tumultuous years leading to the finalization of the Nisga'a treaty, Rod and I met many times — at the first Nisga'a pole raising in a century, at the first Nass River Secondary School, during issues arising from the Calder Decision.

Among uncounted other initiatives, Rod was among those who helped to develop the Nisga'a House of Learning, Wilp Wilko'oskwhi Nisga'a, in conjunction with the University of Northern British Columbia, a school that today boasts 92 Nisga'a post secondary students.

As Simoo'git Minee'ekskw, Rod Robinson was the first Ambassador of the Nisga'a First Nation. He was a proud, informed and a deeply spiritual individual. Ordained as an Anglican Church Minister, he proved to be an anchor for the values and principles that had sustained the Nisga'a people for more than a century of conflict and controversy on their way to self-governance.

Although much honoured, Rod Robinson humbly served his people, his province and his country with great distinction and earned the enormous respect in which he will always be held.

He had a quiet, rational, non-combative approach that will continue to affect the evolution of Canada for many years to come. If we are fortunate, Canada's story will never be completed. We are best defined by those who are included within our constantly evolving Confederation.

Few people are blessed with making the impact on their times that Rod Robinson and his Nisga'a colleagues have done. Rod Robinson will always be counted among those outstanding Nisga'a leaders who led the way to positive change in constant courtesy, without violence or rancour, but with solid facts and calm resolve.

Goodbye my old friend!

### "A great British Columbian"

A statement by  
Gordon Campbell,  
Premier, British Columbia

Premier Gordon Campbell has extended condolences to the Nisga'a people and to the family of Rod Robinson, following the death of the hereditary chief of the Eagle Clan.

"Mr. Robinson was a great British Columbian and a great spiritual, community and political leader for the Nisga'a Nation," Campbell said. "He will be remembered for generations to come as a proud and honoured man whose passion and determination shaped the success of the Nisga'a Treaty negotiations."

"His leadership, vision and hard work throughout many years spoke volumes about the kind of giving, caring and committed person that he was."

"On behalf of all British Columbians, I offer our sincerest condolences to Mr. Robinson's wife and children, as well as to the people of the Nisga'a Nation. We are all saddened at the loss of a leader of such vision, passion and faith."



Iona Campagnolo



Gordon Campbell



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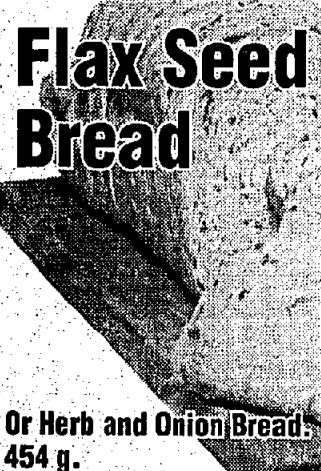


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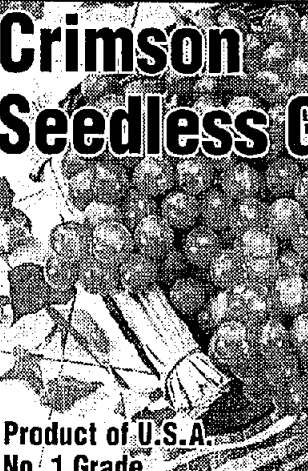
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REBECCA COLLARD PHOTO

## Gowen back as school chair

LORRIE GOWEN has been reelected as chair of the Coast Mountains school board for a second year.

The Thornhill school trustee, first elected to the board in November 2002, beat the other nominee, Hal Stedham, in an election held at the board's inaugural meeting Dec. 1.

Two-time Terrace trustee Diana Penner will serve as vice chair.

Penner, a two-time Terrace trustee, beat out two other nominees for the position, Stedham and Nicole Bingham-Georgelin.

Both Gowen and Penner were elected by secret ballot.

Nominees for the remain-

ing positions won by acclamation.

Kitimat trustee Barry Pankhurst will represent the board on the B.C. Public School Employers' Association, the body that represents school districts in contract negotiations.

His alternate is Peter King.

Stedham, a Terrace trustee, is the district's representative on the B.C. School Trustees' Association, and his alternate is Jessica Mikolayczuk of Hazelton.

Each will serve a one-year term.

Gowen's continuing tenure as chair of the school board comes as it once again grapples with low student



Lorrie Gowen



Diana Penner

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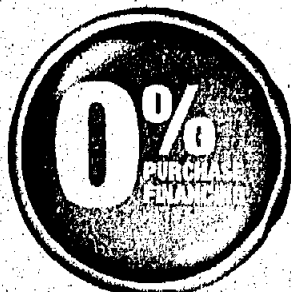
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# Trustees agree to post board minutes

By  
JENNIFER LANG  
MISSED THE latest school board meeting?

Parents and anyone else wondering what the Coast Mountains School Board has been up to can now review the latest board minutes on-line.

Trustees agreed to post board minutes to the district's newly-improved and expanded website, slated to launch this week.

What's more, the district will post draft versions of minutes before they're formally ratified at the following board meeting.

The move is an attempt to respond to calls for the board to be more open with the public.

The Dec. 1 decision pleased – and surprised – Kitimat trustee Peter King, who had been pressing his fellow board members to release an electronic version of the minutes.

King had complained he was having trouble convincing other trustees about the merits of doing so.

He said some trustees expressed concerns that the minutes could be altered.

School board minutes used to be posted on the Coast Mountains School District's current website, but that stopped about a year and a half ago.

The last minutes posted there are from

May 2003 – not long after trustees approved the controversial four-day school week in order to balance the budget.

Since then, the district has been the target of two lawsuits over the four-day week, King said.

He also wondered if his fellow trustees were worried that financial information presented last spring will reveal something they don't want the public to know – even though the information is available through other means, such as contacting the board office.

When King tried to raise the issue last week, board chair Lorrie Gowen and trustee Nicole Bingham-Georgelin refused to discuss the matter.

King was surprised when trustees then supported his position after the new website was unveiled by Warren Wilson, principal of North Coast Distance Education.

Trustees and school district officials burst out into applause. "It looks great," Hazelton trustee Jessica Mikolajczyk said.

"Great job," added trustee Barry Pankhurst.

Warren said the new site will be constantly updated using technology that allows employees in every corner of the district to submit information with the click of a mouse, making maintenance virtually effortless.

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# Better cancer services for the north planned

THE NORTHERN Health Authority (NHA) is moving ahead with plans to improve the level of cancer treatment services in the north.

It already provides chemotherapy in conjunction with the B.C. Cancer Agency but now wants to move to a higher level, radiation treatment, says authority CEO Malcolm Maxwell.

"When you think of the services, there is prevention and screening such as mammography, treatment which begins with surgery and then chemotherapy and radiography and palliative care and support," explained Maxwell.

"With radiation, clearly people have said to us that this is really something that is needed in the north," he added.

The call for radiation treatment came from region-wide meetings held by the NHA this spring in which it asked people for their health care priorities.

A 15,000-signature petition based in Prince George has since been assembled and similar petition drives are underway in other cities, including Terrace.

A key consideration is



Malcolm Maxwell

the travel and expense factor northerners face when they have to go south for radiation treatment, said Maxwell.

"Treatment could take six, or seven or eight weeks and that can be a real challenge for individuals to do that," he said.

The NHA is starting by holding discussions with the Provincial Health Services Authority, the province-wide agency which finances the B.C. Cancer Agency.

Officials from both bodies are now to examine radiation therapy models of services which could apply

to the north.

Maxwell said service models to be studied take in populations of between 500,000 and 750,000 people.

The challenge, he said, is finding a model that works for the north with its 300,000 people given the highly specialized nature of radiation treatment.

"What we're really looking for is how to provide something that provides excellent clinical results for a population of our size and taking into account the reality of travel in the north," said Maxwell.

"I don't think money is an issue. It is finding something that works," Maxwell added.

The NHA, in conjunction with the B.C. Cancer Agency, chemotherapy services are available in Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Prince George, Smithers, Terrace and Prince Rupert.

The call for an improved level of cancer treatment is also being driven by the aging population of the north. Although cancer strikes all age groups, it becomes more prevalent as people become older.

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The city saw its warmest day of the month Nov. 4 when the temperature climbed to a warm 9.3C.

The coldest day of the month was Nov. 12, when the mercury dropped to -4.8C.

The mild temperatures were matched with heavy precipitation.

While 37.4 cm of snow fell on the city, most of last month's precipitation came as rain.

We received 222.6 mm of rain making it the 7th rainiest November on record.

Precipitation fell on 24 days last month, just above the November average of 21 days with snow or rainfall.

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# Trails get a facelift

New bridges and improvements done at Red Sand Lake

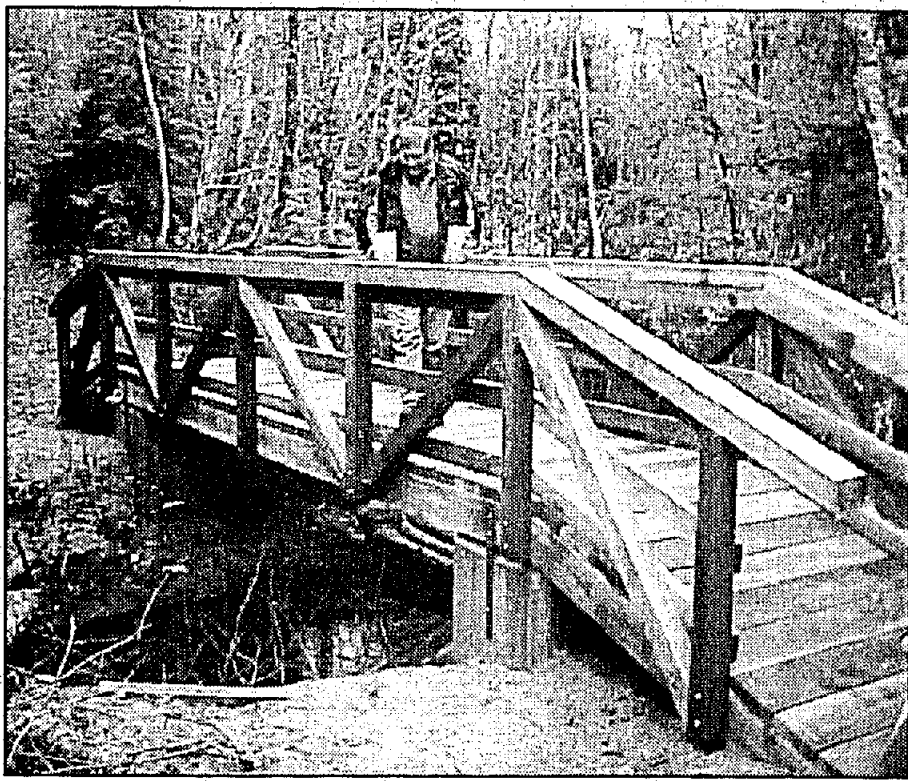
By JEFF NAGEL  
A SERIES of recent upgrades to bridges around Red Sand Lake have made the recreation site north of Terrace more fun for hikers and bikers.

Nine bridges along the trails near Red Sand Lake and the Kalum River were replaced over the summer and fall, said Carl Johansen, a foreman technician with the Kalum Forest District.

Around \$11,000 to hire a crew of three for at least six weeks came from the Job Creation Partnerships program of Human Resources Development Canada. The Northwest Loggers Association was signed on as a partner, and the Kalum Forest District provided supplies.

The total project cost around \$60,000, Johansen said.

Some of the work involved adding ramps to bridge approaches and other



ABOVE IS one of the bridges that has been replaced at the Red Sand Lake recreation site. The Forest Service made a number of improvements to local trails and sites over the summer and fall.

Lakelse Lake - extending the boardwalks and trail improvements that had already been completed at Lower

Clearwater Lake and the trail that connects the two lakes.

The last bit of project money will be used to do some brushing work along the Onion Lake cross-country ski trails, he added.

Officials like Johansen have become adept at finding more creative and cooperative methods of financing

trail maintenance and upgrades.

Government money to maintain forest service recreation sites and trails was reduced over the past few years as part of general belt-tightening by Victoria.

There were also efforts to get other partners to take over management of rec sites and trails province-wide, although little of that has occurred here.

But recreation users and groups like the Sierra Club do work closely with Johansen on projects like bridge replacements along trails.

And West Fraser has, on a year-to-year basis, been maintaining trails and sites near its licence areas in the Kitimat Valley, with money granted from the province's Forest Investment Account.

**"We've got a lot of mountain bikers using the trails."**

redesign work to make the trails in the Red Sand area more bike-friendly, he said.

"We've got a lot of mountain bikers using the trails," he said.

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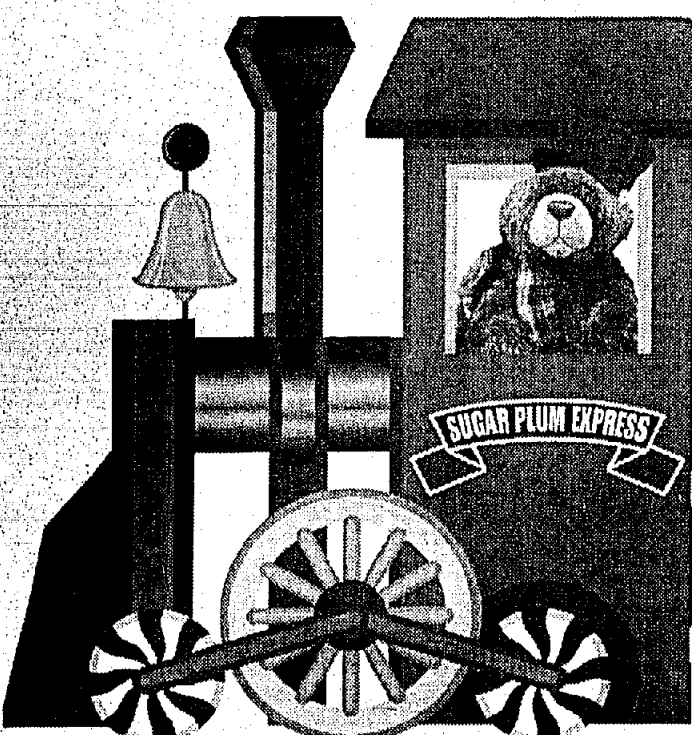
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### Gifts for local children

TERRACE ANTI-POVERTY is asking for your donation of a new gift for a local child or teen as part of its annual Children's Christmas Campaign, a program that ensures Santa visits every home.

Select a gift tag for a child (newborn to age 18) from Christmas trees set up at Zellers, Saan's, Wal-Mart, Curves and the Aquatic Centre. Purchase a gift to Dec. 17, when the donations will be wrapped and delivered by volunteers. To sponsor a family, donate a gift, or make a financial contribution, call Rosanne or Tanya at 635-4631.



Gift tags



LOCAL army cadets assembled hundreds of food hampers on behalf of the Salvation Army last Christmas.

FILE PHOTO

### Salvation Army appeal

THE KETTLE Campaign and the letter appeal are the Salvation Army's local fundraising drives. Donations help pay for Christmas hampers, the soup kitchen, the school lunch program and other local needs throughout the year.

When you see the red kettle at the Skeena Mall, Wal-Mart, Safeway and the liquor store, please give generously. To volunteer, call campaign coordinator Kim Ambridge at 635-9308 after 6 p.m. Later this month Christmas hampers filled with food and gifts will go to hundreds of local families who would otherwise go without.

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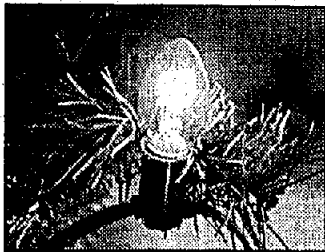
THE MIX, CFW, and NTV, and partner Terrace Totem Ford are asking you to support the 33rd annual Sharing Tree Campaign.

Donate an unwrapped, brand-new gift suitable for a child, teen, or adult. Gifts for teenagers are always in short supply. Suggestions include gift certificates for clothing, music or video games, or gift cards.

The presents are distributed by the Salvation Army along with Christmas Hampers. Drop gifts off at the station office at 4625 Lazelle Ave., or help Totem Ford fill its Sharing Truck with gifts and non-perishable food items.

### Tree of Lights

SHOW YOUR support for local children with special needs by donating to the Terrace Child Development Centre's 18th annual Tree of Lights campaign.



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programs. Call 635-9388 for more information.

Sponsor a red, silver or gold light on the Tree of Lights in the Skeena Mall from Dec. 1 to 22. Proceeds are used to purchase specialized equipment for children - and support the centre's many therapy, education and prenatal

## Lights contest brightens the night

MORE AND more houses and businesses are displaying Christmas lights now that December is here.

And that means it is once more time for the area's annual Christmas lights contest.

This year, organizers have chosen a different method of selecting winners.

Instead of a panel of judges selecting winners, organizers are asking the public to send in their choices.

"Every year we see lots of great light displays that are never entered," says Chris Hansen, president of the Terrace Beautification Society and one of the contest's main sponsors.

"We want to change that to better recognize the efforts people make this time of year," she said.

Here's how it works: you have until 9 a.m. Dec. 16 to send in residential and business Christmas light display addresses.

They'll be published in the Dec. 22 special Christmas issue of *The Terrace Standard*.

People are then encouraged to drive around, look at the displays and send in their nominations for first and second places for best residential and best business.

The deadline for sending these in is 9 a.m. Dec. 29. Results will be tallied and winning entries will be published in the Jan. 5, 2005 issue of *The Terrace Standard*.

Hansen said organizers will be out and about next week to add to the list of entries.

"We're encouraging everyone to take part," said Hansen. "A lot of people go through a lot of effort and we want to have that effort recognized."

She said listing addresses also provides people with the opportunity for night time drives over the holidays to check out various lighting displays.

Main sponsors of the Christmas lights contest are the beautification society, the B.C. Northern Real Estate Board and *The Terrace Standard*.

Send entries to *The Terrace Standard* at 3210 Clinton Ave., Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2; or fax to 638-8432.

Email entries are also welcome and can be sent to: [newsroom@terracestandard.com](mailto:newsroom@terracestandard.com)



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### EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Terrace has three volunteer vacancies on the five-member Emergency Services Advisory Committee. The newly created Emergency Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) consists of five (5) members, two (2) Councillors and three (3) Non-Council members. We are currently looking for volunteers willing to sit on the Advisory Committee for a three-year term.

For more information on the function of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee, please contact Randy Smith, Fire Chief at 638-4742.

For those parties interested in volunteering for these positions please express your interest, in writing, to the City of Terrace Fire Department, #3-3215 Eby Street Terrace BC, V8G 2X8, on or before 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 17, 2004.

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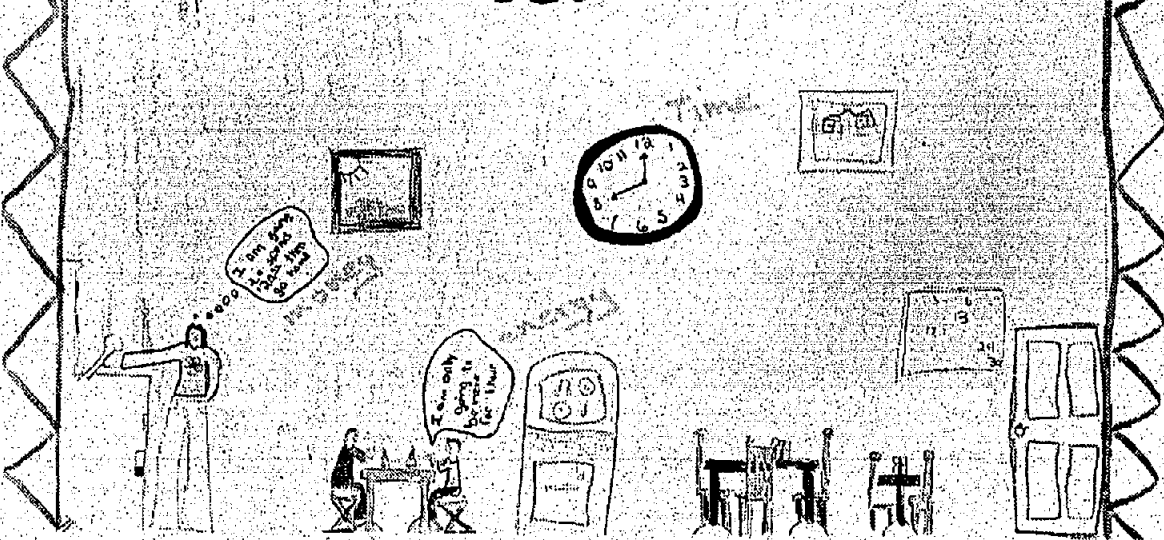
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This is in conjunction with the Kalum Horseshoe Community School Society, Northwest Addictions Services and the Responsible Gambling Program. The posters are by local school children, done during a poster contest hosted by the School Society.

The tip for December is **WHEN GAMBLING, SET A LIMIT OF TIME, ENERGY and MONEY.** If you are going to gamble, decide ahead of time, how long you will gamble and the amount of money you will limit yourself to. It is important to set a time limit and stick to it, as gambling can alter a person's sense of time. When gambling, take a break and walk around, perhaps going outside to get some fresh air. Limit your intake of alcohol, if you drink. Avoid taking bank or credit cards.

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## News In Brief



**BOARDED UP** house at 1872 Creek St. in Thornhill displays damage after a fire on Dec. 1. The home was vacant at the time and an investigation continues into the reasons why the blaze started.

### MP becomes engaged

**SKEENA-BULKLEY** NDP Nathan Cullen, first elected to Parliament this past June, is about to make a second major life-changing move.

He became engaged two weekends ago to Diana Dahr, 30, who has just started SFU's professional development program here in Terrace to obtain her teaching certification. The one-year program is designed so that the majority of it can be taken without having to leave the north.

Cullen, 32, first met Dahr in early 2003, shortly after she moved to the Bulkley Valley as a Katimavik co-ordinator. They worked together briefly as Cullen was also connected to the federal youth experience program.

The couple have two dogs and one cat. No wedding date has been set.

### Working for the Premier

A **NORTHWESTERNER** has been named to a new job in the provincial government aimed at bridging differences between Victoria and aboriginal leaders.

Allen Edzerza, a Tahltan negotiator from Telegraph Creek, was named last week to a six-month position with the province. He was selected by the First Nations Summit and the province for the role.

"It's a tremendous honour to have the trust placed in me by the Summit leadership," he said.

Edzerza said his job will be to ensure that aboriginal people get a voice within government when policy is being made.

The idea is that officials will better understand aboriginal priorities and government decisions will get the benefit of aboriginal opinion before they crystallize, he said, promoting better understanding on both sides.

"By placing a first nations person within government, we will have a better understanding of the challenges government faces in making decisions," Edzerza added.

He will work in the Premier's Office, reporting to the deputy minister there. He won't report directly to the premier or cabinet.

The appointment was announced at a joint meeting of cabinet and the First Nations Summit and follows the signing earlier by the province and the First Nations Summit of a reconciliation protocol that aims to forge better relations.

### Former MP writing novel

**FORMER SKEENA** NDP MP Frank Howard is writing a science fiction novel.

Now living in the Surrey area, Howard said he's spending time each day sketching an outline and working through various plot elements.

"I'm not what you consider a writer like Stephen King who gets up early each day and writes 4,000 before breakfast or anything like that," Howard said last week.

"I have a general idea but I'd prefer not to get into too many details," he added.

This is Howard's second piece of major writing. He has self-published his autobiography, *From Prison to Parliament*. The title refers to 18 months Howard spent in prison, beginning at the age of 18, for his role in an armed robbery.

Howard's political career began in 1953, with his election to the provincial legislature. He was subsequently elected to Parliament in Ottawa and finished in the 1980s by a return to the provincial legislature.

### Guilty of theft

**CLYDE JASON DOOLAN**, 33, was convicted for an Oct. 2 theft of Canada Safeway merchandise under \$5,000 and threatening William Baca.

Doolan pled guilty to both charges on Nov. 24 and received three months jail time.

He received credit for one month time served, and will spend two months in jail followed by one year probation.

Conditions imposed on his probation include not being allowed on Safeway property.

Doolan is required to attend and complete counselling for alcohol, and may not leave his residence if under the influence of alcohol.

He must submit also submit to a breath, blood or urine test on the reasonable demand of a peace officer.

## Cell users beware

A **TERRACE** man says cell phone users here are being unfairly charged for a 911 service that doesn't exist here.

Brad Woolacott, a photographer and accountant, says Telus Mobility is charging him and other cell phone customers here a 50 cent per month charge for "enhanced 911 access."

No such service yet exists, although local governments in the northwest are trying to get one started. That effort may be more than a year away yet.

"We're paying for it up here without a benefit," Woolacott said.

He said he has not been satisfied with explanations of the charge he has received from Telus.

"I'm tired, as a lot of people are, of subsidizing services for Lower Mainland people that we don't benefit from," Woolacott said.

He also says there's a safety issue — people new to the northwest might conclude 911 service exists, especially if they see they are being charged a fee on their bills for it.

There's a danger that might prompt people to rely on 911 availability in an emergency.

"There are stretches of highway that are getting very, very dangerous and people shouldn't have a false sense of security when they see 911 on their bill," he said.

Woolacott said he's also advising other consumers to carefully watch all the bills they receive to ensure companies reduce the provincial sales tax charged to 7 per cent rather than continuing to charge 7.5 per cent beyond Oct. 21, when the PST reduction took effect.

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Any vehicle that impedes snow removal and/or road maintenance work on any snow removal route can be towed.

Also, it is an offence to place snow from any private property onto the road Right-of-Way; it creates drainage blockages, buries and plugs up fire hydrants, and interferes with routine snow plowing and/or road maintenance.

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## Notice of power interruption

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**When:** Friday, December 10, 2004

We will be making electrical system improvements in the Nass Valley area on Friday, October 10. As a result, it will be necessary to interrupt electrical service for approximately four hours, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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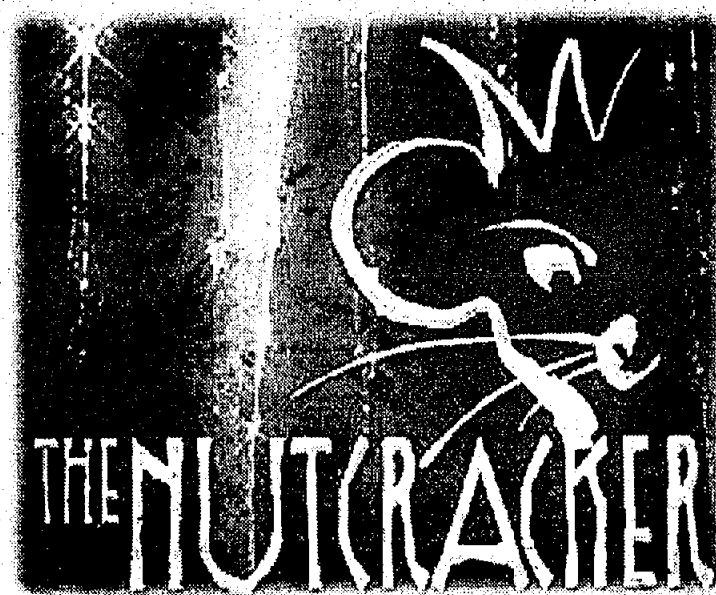
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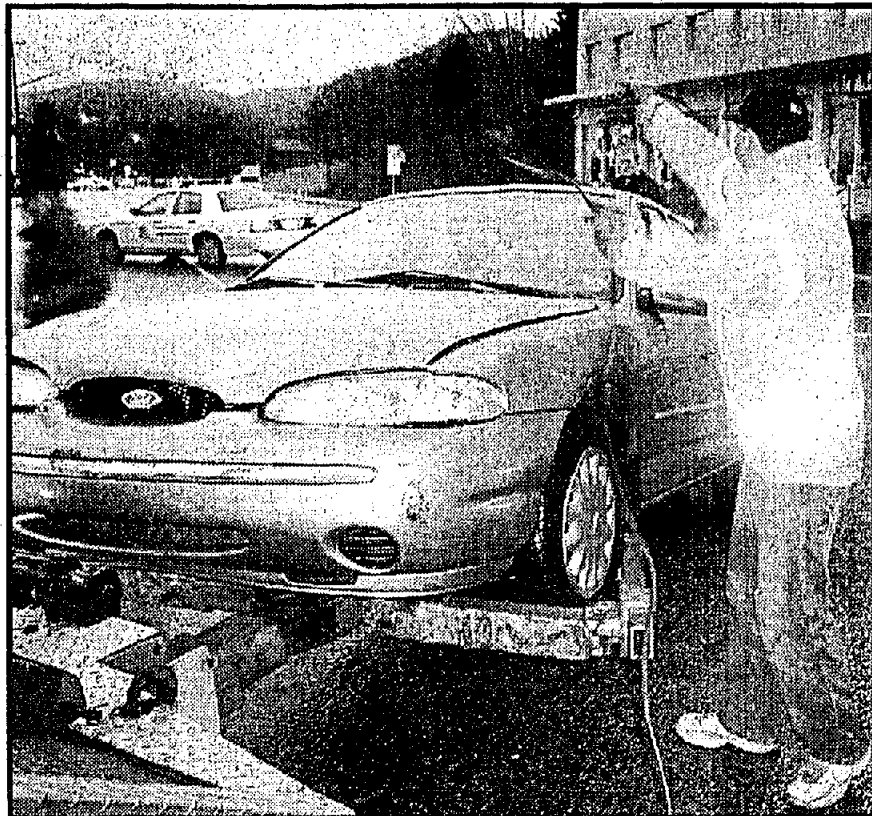
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## Vehicles collide

POLICE SPENT part of last week sorting out a Dec. 2 morning collision at the intersection of Park and Kalum. One person suffered non-life threatening injuries and was taken to Mills Memorial Hospital. A red Ford Explorer going west on Park collided with a blue Contour going south on Kalum. That's the Contour being towed away in the photograph. Both vehicles were damaged and the Explorer was also towed from the scene by a tow truck. RCMP do want to speak with anybody who was at the scene, particularly the occupants of a red car, that can help them with details of the accident.

# Ambulance service calls increasing over last year

AMBULANCE CALLS up to the end of September passed the number of calls received for the same period in 2003.

In total, Terrace ambulance services has received 1,839 calls as of the end of Sept.

If trends continue, unit chief Carl Wassink said, the total number of calls for service could be 2,400 this year, a 10 per cent increase.

"The biggest jump seems to be transfers," he said.

Total transfers, including medevac and hospital trips, number 312 this year compared to 264 last year.

Medevac transfers, including those to Vancouver



Carl Wassink

or Prince George for higher levels of care, are up but he said the total numbers of these aren't large. There were about seven medevac

transfers last year and 13 this year.

"Those calls are exciting for us," Wassink said, explaining they require rotary aircraft, meaning a helicopter picks up and transports victims.

Trauma calls, which can be everything from a cut finger to major trauma, account for a 13.36 per cent increase in calls.

Medical calls saw a 6.21 per cent decrease. These types of calls can include a request for assistance for cardiac, respiratory, strokes, seizures, drug overdoses, maternity calls and any other calls related to a medical process.

In addition, Wassink said the ambulances have driven 112,410km to the end of September.

That's the equivalent of driving from Terrace to Prince Rupert and back 383 times or to Vancouver and back 72 times.

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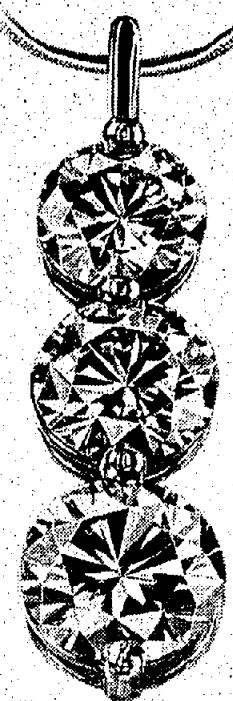
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# BUSINESS REVIEW



## Wired

CYBERSCREAM Internet cafe, one of the city's newest businesses downtown on Lakelse Ave., is the brainchild of local brothers Dan and Rob Wheeler. Besides the coffee, sandwiches and desserts, they sell time on five Internet computers and five X-Box game terminals. All are fully networked, allowing the cafe to host events like network game tournaments. It's their first venture. Internet cafes that offer gaming are becoming popular in Vancouver and the brothers felt it's the right time to open one here. JEFF NAGEL PHOTO

## Out & About

### DQ goes drive-through

TERRACE's Dairy Queen restaurant will add a drive-through lane this winter.

Construction is now underway on the project, says franchise co-owner and manager William deHoog.

"We're hoping it will be done sometime the middle to the end of December."

Adding the lane will make Dairy Queen the fifth drive-through food window in town, and help the franchise meet customer demand.

"We want to be able to compete with the other fast food outlets in town," deHoog said.

He said it may mean an increase to the restaurant's present staff of more than 20 employees.



LANCE DETTWILER is the main barista at The Artful Cup in the former Hava Java location.

### Crafty coffee downtown

THE CITY has a new espresso bar and gallery downtown on Lakelse Ave.

The Artful Cup has been opened by Eryn Griffith in the former Hava Java location.

"We're basically trying to do a gallery/coffee shop featuring pottery, weaving, and knitting," says Griffith, who has sold knitted sweaters at the Farmers' Market before.

Besides specialty coffees, she's making sushi, home-made soups, muffins and baked goods.

### McBike makes shift

TERRACE's McBike shop has reopened with a new paint job and a new owner.

Bruce Martindale bought the bicycle shop from previous owner Mike Christensen, who is now a youth pastor in Alberta.

Martindale said he wanted to get into a retail business here that specialized in higher-end products that aren't vulnerable to big box retailers.

He has previously worked here in advertising and marketing, and ran unsuccessfully for the federal Liberal nomination early this year.

Martindale said his eyes have been opened to the passion of the local cycling community.

"I've told people I'm learning as I go along," he said.

"I'm incredibly interested in everything about biking."

He doesn't anticipate big changes, but may add some clothing lines for cross-country skiers and runners, adding there's much athletic cross-over between cyclists, cross-country skiers, runners and triathletes.

"I think there's a real fit there," he said.

Martindale says Terrace is gaining momentum as a cycling centre, both for mountain and road bikers. He noted the completion of paving of Old Lakelse Lake Drive past Jackpine Flats to Hwy 37 creates a new 31-kilometre circle route attractive to bikers.

## Alcan chooses ec-dev officer

By MALCOLM BAXTER

ALCAN's search for an economic resource officer has ended in its own backyard.

Don Timlick, an executive with Kitimat Works, has been appointed to the new position, Alcan corporate affairs manager Colleen Nyce said.

She added Timlick will continue in his role as property manager, a position which has seen him involved in a number of business development initiatives over the past year or so.

"He's going to be available to the economic groups in the community and in the region," Nyce explained.

He was already working closely with Kitimat's economic development commission and a Haisla economic development group.

"It's not Alcan's intention to play a lead role in the communities in terms of economic development," she cautioned. "But we definitely want to be a participating body. We want to be part of the process."

Nyce said Alcan would be able to bring its knowledge and expertise to the table and links with other resources within Alcan Inc.

Saying she expected Timlick to set up offices in both Kitimat and Terrace where he would be available on a regular basis, Nyce added, "He's very focused on making things happen."

She noted Timlick had been a key player with Sandhill development proponents, Cascadia "and other projects that are at this stage confidential."

## Mercer picks up Celgar pulp mill

THE SWISS-based company that once tried to buy Skeena Cellulose has now agreed to purchase a pulp mill in Castlegar.

Mercer International will buy the Celgar mill there out of receivership for US \$210 million in a combination cash-and-shares deal.

Mercer surfaced here in late 2001 as a bidder for Skeena and appeared to have the inside track until early 2002. That's when provincial government officials dropped Mercer — which they said made excessive demands of the province — and instead opted to sell Skeena to George Petty and Dan Veniez for \$6 million.

Mercer, which had a reputation as a scavenging specialist, had indicated it would keep only the pulp mill and sell off the other mills and timber licences. It also demanded northwest towns raise \$20 million to contribute.

Veniez recruited support from northwesterners who feared what Mercer might do. Northwest mayors also opposed exclusive negotiations with Mercer.

The Celgar pulp mill had been operated in receivership since being assigned into bankruptcy in 1998.

Mercer has two pulp mills in Germany. The Celgar acquisition will boost Mercer's annual kraft pulp production to 1.3 million tonnes.

## City, CUPE strike deal

THE CITY of Terrace has reached a new contract with its unionized employees.

The new collective agreement gives city workers organized by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) a two per cent wage increase effective at the beginning of November, city chief administrative officer Ron Poole said.

The one-year agreement lasts until the end of 2005.

The increase ends what had been a three-year wage freeze for unionized city workers.

Although city council is still in an extreme cost control mode because of the uncertain status of property taxes owed by bankrupt New Skeena Forest Products, Poole said the small increase was warranted. However the city did not want to commit beyond one year.

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From front

## Band to control a lot of wood

in this area," Hull said. "There's millions of cubic metres out there."

And he noted Terrace sawmills are much closer to the wood than mills in southern B.C., and should therefore have a competitive advantage in buying from the Lax Kw'alaams after transport costs are factored in.

"SCI spent millions buying up tenures and went broke," Hull added. "It may have been better to concentrate on the sawmill and let someone else worry about timber."

Skeena MLA and forestry operations minister Roger Harris said he has no problem with the Lax Kw'alaams purchase, but hopes it doesn't force Victoria to restart the work it has been doing to take back timber from the licence and redistribute it.

If that happens, he noted, it could mean delays for the Kitselas and Kitsumkalum in being able to start logging timber they have been awarded by the province.

"This sale puts some of that on hold, which affects the timelines they had and the enthusiasm they had to get going," Harris said.

Negotiations between the province and the receiver had been at an advanced stage on the exact areas of timber that would go to the local bands.

Harris said nobody should worry

that the Lax Kw'alaams will sit on the licence and never log it.

The province's use-it-or-lose-it rules mean Victoria eventually gets control of unlogged timber and can then sell it to other operators.

"If the wood isn't harvested, unlike under previous governments, we will be taking it back," Harris said.

"We have a group of people paying \$4.8 million," he added. "My sense is they're not buying it as a park. They're buying it because they want to recoup their investment."

Any logging that happens on the TFL will be an improvement, he added.

Terrace mayor Jack Talstra said the city was concerned about the TFL sale's possible effects on local bands, but did not oppose it in court.

If the new TFL owners and the Terrace area bands do work together, it will signal the warming of a relationship that's been chilly of late.

Lax Kw'alaams is one of the Prince Rupert-area Tsimshian bands at odds with other Tsimshians, including the Kitselas and Kitsumkalum, in a political schism that fractured the Tsimshian Tribal Council this year and disrupted its treaty negotiations.

The Rupert band also went to court trying to stop logging by West Fraser

near the Lakelse River, claiming the area is Lax Kw'alaams territory. That prompted the Kitselas, who claim the same area, to join the court case, disputing the Lax Kw'alaams claim of exclusive use.

The groups won't be able to ignore each other.

A new Supreme Court ruling on aboriginal rights means both the TFL sale and future decisions on logging by the Lax Kw'alaams will trigger a requirement that the province consult and accommodate bands like the Kitsumkalum, whose traditional territory covers much of the TFL.

Harris said he's optimistic area bands will find common ground.

He noted they are all making big investments in a future based on logging.

"I can't imagine more motivating forces to get these guys all in the same room and get things resolved," he said. "My sense is this will work itself out."

As for the termination of contractors, Harris said the province's position is that the court should respect all provincial legislation, including laws that govern evergreen contracts and silviculture liabilities. Federal bankruptcy law, which trumps provincial law, technically allows such contracts and liabilities to be wiped out.

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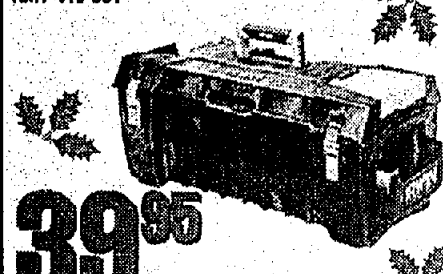
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## Local mill's future still unknown

By JEFF NAGEL

MORE TIME is being granted to find a buyer for the Terrace sawmill and the City of Terrace will now have great control over the process.

"We are looking at least three entities that have expressed interest in purchasing the sawmill as a going concern," said mayor Jack Talstra.

He said the judge overseeing the bankruptcy of New Skeena Forest Products has jointly given the city and CellMark, another creditor, the power to veto over any decisions the receiver makes in disposing of the mill.

"Between CellMark and ourselves, we will choose who we think is the best proponent with the best offer," Talstra said.

"We are a player and we have a responsibility to look at the financial arrangements

of these entities to see if they have a chance of running the mill in a viable manner."

He said the aim will be to recover as much of the city's \$3 million in unpaid property taxes as possible, and restore as many jobs as possible - with an operator in place who can run it for the long haul.

Talstra said he expects it means the city will have "a couple of months" to complete negotiations with a final buyer.

"It's not open-ended," he said, but said the process will certainly go past the Dec. 14 expiry date that auctioneer Maynard's had placed on its bid to liquidate the Terrace sawmill.

Unlike past Skeena sales, he said, the city won't agree to exclusive negotiations with anyone.

Last week's approval of the receiver's plan to start



Jack Talstra

liquidating the Prince Rupert pulp mill ends hopes for a resurrection of New Skeena as an integrated forest company.

The breakup was approved by B.C. Supreme Court Justice Donald Brenner Dec. 1.

"It's a sad, sad day," Talstra said, noting the company was the region's number one economic generator for decades.

"It's actually quite a tragedy that we no longer have that economic generator," he said. "On the other side of the coin, it's also a time of opportunity. We can restructure the forest industry, hopefully for the better."

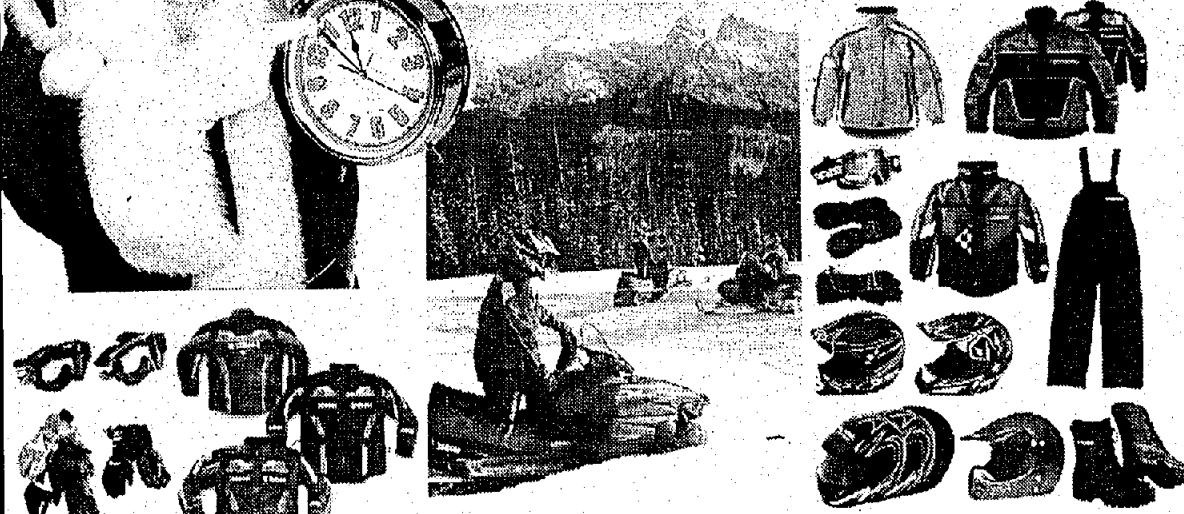
The city also won its argument in court that its old back taxes, covered in a deal reached when New Skeena's owners took over Skeena Cellulose, will be treated the same as current property taxes.

Skeena MLA Roger Harris said he understands the receiver is poised to accept a bid from a group that wants to buy the Carnaby mill.

Harris said called the proposals for Terrace "pretty solid."

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## Around Town

### Skeena Jr. donates handcrafted toys

TERRACE ANTI-POVERTY got an unexpected, but welcome surprise last week.

The Grade 10 woodworking class at Skeena Junior Secondary donated dozens of handcrafted toys, wood puzzles, heart shaped boxes and toy trucks.

Teacher Doug Steele called out of the blue, Terrace Anti-Poverty's Rosanne Pearce said.

"We were totally surprised," she said. "From the kids - that's just awesome."



STUDENT James Weget with a puzzle.

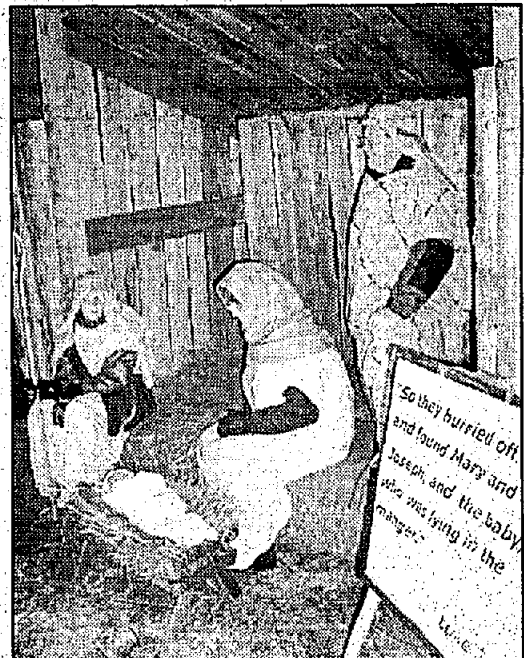
So far, 350 children representing 119 local families have been signed up for the program, which matches donated presents to children and teens who otherwise wouldn't have anything under the Christmas tree.

"I'm expecting quite a bit more to sign up over the next two weeks," she said, reminding anyone else who intends to register to do so quickly.

Anyone wanting to purchase a gift should look for the gift tags on specially decorated trees at Zellers, Saa, Wal-Mart, and the Terrace Aquatic Centre. Your gift will be wrapped and distributed by volunteers.

A recent benefit dance that featured an auction went exceptionally well, raising \$3,000 for Terrace Anti-Poverty's Christmas Campaign.

"The community never ceases to amaze us," Pearce said.



NO ROOM AT THE INN: A cast of 25 is used for each evening's drive-through nativity, presented Dec. 10 and 11.

FILE PHOTO

### Nativity comes to life

IT'S A COMPLETELY different kind of drive-through.

From the comfort of your car you can cruise through seven brightly lit life-sized biblical scenes, brought to life in the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly's parking lot.

"There's five people and we're working on getting live animals," organizer Carol Laird said, explaining last year they had a horse as part of one of the scenes. This year, they're looking to add sheep and other barnyard creatures.

It takes about 80 volunteers to put the drive-through together, including two casts of 25, organizers and other volunteers who help out during the two-night run.

Last year, it took more than two months to complete all the sets.

This year, it will be a matter of pulling out the sets and placing them in the right spot.

"We're hoping in the next few years we'll be able to add more scenes," Laird said, explaining the church would like to extend the Christmas drive-through.

An estimated 900 people pulled through the nativity scene last Christmas. Laird expects there could be even more this year.

If you don't have wheels, you can still cruise through on foot.

"If people have a group then we can stop traffic and let them walk through," Laird explained.

Laird said she got the idea for the drive-through nativity scene from a Terrace resident who had visited one at a church in Langley.

"I was in contact with [the church] and they sent us some information," Laird said. "We thought it was a really great idea."

The tour is free, but Laird says donations of non-perishable food items will be much appreciated.

The food will be donated to the Terrace Church's Food Bank and distributed to needy Terrace residents.

The nativity scene will be open December 10 and 11 from 7-10 p.m. at the Pentecostal Assembly on Eby St.

# Due South

Only 58 people spent the winter at the South Pole this year. In 2005, Alex Duncan will be one of them.

By JENNIFER LANG

**G**ROWING UP, Eric Duncan always dreamed of travelling to far-off places.

As he pored over his maps, he probably never realized his dreams would take him all the way to Antarctica one day.

This week, the 22-year-old started work as a cook at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole station, serving up hot meals to scientists and construction workers.

He's 16,000 kms from Terrace, smack dab in the middle of a frozen continent twice the size of Australia at a remote research station located at 90 degrees south - his home for the next 13 months.

"It's no big deal because I've already had some experience working in the north," Duncan told the *Terrace Standard* a few days before heading south. "But up north, you can get away. You can get on a plane. But not at the south pole."

It's summer in the southern hemisphere. Today's forecast at the pole called for overcast skies and a high of -21 celsius, with 24 hours of daylight.

The sun won't set for another three months. Then, after a few weeks of twilight, the base will be submerged in total darkness until September.

Duncan says it's kind of like moving to the International Space Station for a year; personnel are isolated from mid-February to mid-October.

Duncan's new boss described it less charitably. "The chef said it's like a voluntary prison sentence."

Last year, just 58 people spent the winter at Amundsen-Scott, and only about 1,100 have done so since 1956. This winter, Duncan will be one of them.

This begs a question. Why?

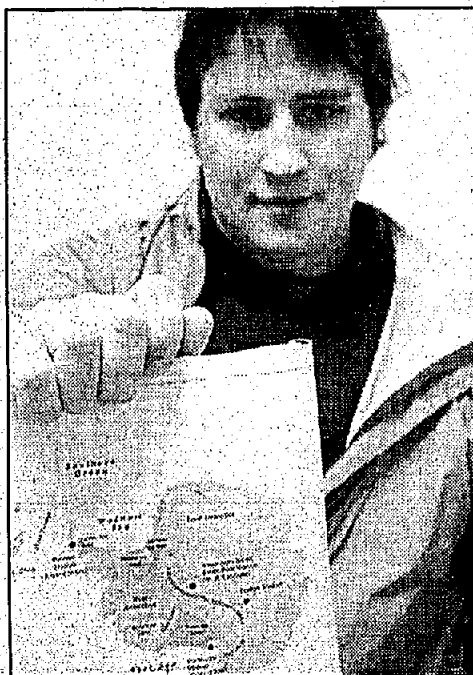
"Because I want to!" he grins. "I can say I've been there. Plus, I can get a job anywhere after that." Besides, he thinks it will be fun.

Duncan applied months ago after seeing a posting on the Internet from with a polar services company. The job was only open to U.S. citizens, but Duncan sent his application in anyway.

"I've always wanted to go there," he explains. He didn't hear anything for months. Then, he received a letter from the company turning him down because he doesn't have U.S. citizenship.

Two days later, he received a call from the South Pole. It was the head chef, offering him the job anyway.

They needed someone, and fast.



TO THE POLE! Alex Duncan has landed a job at the Amundsen-Scott research station. JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

Since then, he's completed a dizzying array of physical and psychological tests required to pass muster at the South Pole. He was even sent to Denver for a psychological exam that determined he's up for it.

He's grateful to staff at Terrace's medical clinic, particularly nurses Sande and Corry, and the lab technicians, for ensuring he was able to complete all the tests he needed in time.

Duncan, a cook who's worked in Nunavut far above the arctic circle, is no stranger to extreme weather conditions and the isolation that comes with it.

He figures his experience as a cook in Canada's far north helped land him the job. He's no stranger to extreme weather conditions or the isolation of living above the arctic circle.

In Inuvik, he coped with six weeks of total darkness during the winter.

"It didn't affect me. Some people go a little bit nutty."

He's also worked in Resolute as a camp cook, feeding six guys who were dismantling a man-made island.

"I was stuck in this little trailer all day, making

soups." Then he'd bring the food out to where the crew was working.

Amundsen-Scott is named after the first two explorers to reach the South Pole, Antarctica is the coldest, driest and highest continent. The atmosphere is thin and pollution free at the pole, making it an excellent place for astronomical and atmospheric research.

Duncan says several hundred of scientists and construction workers are at the pole right now, making the most of the summer.

A new, elevated research station under construction is slated for completion in 2006, replacing the present domed station built in the 1970s.

Duncan says the cooks are already using the new galley to produce four meals a day - breakfast, lunch, dinner and a midnight meal for the night shift.

The base is located nearly 10,000 feet above sea level. He's been told not to expect a good night's sleep for as long as five weeks while his body adjusts to the altitude.

Duncan can expect to work 54 hour work weeks. He'll have a six-by-eight foot side bedroom.

Inhabitants spend their spare time watching DVDs, using the Internet (it's available by satellite for 12 hours a day), or heading to the gym or library. Rumour has it the gang likes to heat up in the sauna and then race outside when it's -72 Celsius and run around the pole for fun - a story backed up by the Lonely Planet guide to Antarctica.

Surprisingly, his friends and family don't think he's crazy.

"They're used to me going off," he says.

He always wanted to travel. "I had globes and maps all over my room." He'd memorized all the world capitals by Grade 8. "I wanted to get out. As soon as I graduated, I was gone."

After finishing high school in 2000, he went to Burkina Faso on the Ivory Coast with Canada World Youth.

Since then, he's been all over, including a recent trip to Greece (this summer for the Olympic games).

He says he doesn't mind the cold - as long as it's outside, where it belongs.

Duncan invites you to drop him a line at the South Pole. He plans on writing a newsletter on a regular basis and sending it and photographs via email to anyone who's interested.

Write to him at antarcticnomad@hotmail.com.

## Terrace's women's centre re-opens

'We will be here' for the long term, despite provincial budget cuts, staff say

By JENNIFER LANG

**STAFF** AT the Terrace Women's Centre opened the doors to the public last week, signaling a fresh start and the promise of upcoming events and programs.

It's the first time in nearly a year the centre has kept regular operating hours.

"It's been a long haul to be here, to guarantee that we will be here," drop-in coordinator Frances Birdsell said.

She's one of three coordinators who are now working out of the centre, which will be open three days a week. Its operating hours are Wednesdays to Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Women's centres across B.C. lost their core provincial funding last April, forcing many to close or keep reduced operating hours.

"We took a break," Birdsell said. In the meantime, some staff had been working at the women's centre to sort out the funding crisis.



COME ON IN: women's centre coordinators Maureen Atkinson, left, Darlene Westerman and Frances Birdsell. REBECCA COLLARD PHOTO

Women in need of assistance were referred across the street to The Family Place, which is run by the same board.

"We needed to get a number of things organized in-

ternally," Birdsell said. "We have a new board, a really energized board. They're wanting to be involved in organizing and programming events."

On Dec. 15, the centre is

holding a drop-in planning session for members and community partner groups from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Joining Birdsell as a coordinator at the women's centre is Maureen Atkin-

son, who will be using a law foundation grant to organize a series of upcoming legal workshops, and Darlene Westerman.

Westerman is working with a coalition of community agencies, including the RCMP, Ksan House Society, Kermode Friendship Society, and the health unit on crime prevention in the area of sexual abuse within the family and partner assault.

The blue ribbon campaign is a recent example. A total of 112 blue ribbons signifying sexual or domestic assaults on local women were placed downtown.

"That's only what was reported and that's only adult women," Birdsell said.

She notes when the B.C. government removed core funding for women's centres, "It was declared that we had achieved full equality."

She says, "We don't think we're there yet, when there's 112 women suffering from sexual abuse and assault in the past year."



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■ **The Wallin' Jennys**, presented by the Terrace Concert Society, Friday, Jan. 7, at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre. Tickets at Cook's Jewellers in the Skeena Mall.

## Etc.

■ **Choices Program's annual Christmas Banquet** Friday, Dec. 10 at the Thornhill Community Centre. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Limited

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■ **The Terrace Skating Club's Christmas Pops Concert** Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 4-6:15 p.m. at the Terrace Arena. Skaters will perform competitive solo and group skating numbers. Entry is a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army. Note: registration for January-March 2005 programs also takes place.

■ **A Dramatic Reading of A Christmas Carol**, Friday, Dec. 17 at the Evangelical Free Church, at 7:30 p.m. Celebrity readers include CBC's Russell Bowers, MP Nathan Cullen, broadcaster Kathy Brookes and author Brenda Silsbe. Presented by the Terrace and District Arts Council. All proceeds support the Terrace Churches Food Bank. Tickets available at Misty River Books.

■ **Good Bye, Lenin!**, director Wolfgang Becker's wistful, comic look at how one East Berlin family copes with the social and economic upheaval created by the collapse of Communism and the reunification of Germany in 1990. Screening Wednesday, Dec. 29 at the Tillikum Twin Theatres at 7 p.m. as part of the Terrace Not Paris Film Festival. Tickets at the door.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## DECEMBER 8-10

Christmas home-style shopping at the Terrace Curling Club Dec. 8-10 from 6-10 p.m. This is a fund raiser for the Ladies Valentine Bonspiel. For more information call 635-0397.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 10

**In Your Hands: Stopping the Violence, Here and There**, a community exhibition at the Skeena Mall from 4-8 p.m. in the community room. The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence committee is hosting an information, resource and referral exhibit focused on preventing violence against women and children. Exhibits include Child Find Fingerprinting (COPS), RCMP's community policing & Victims' Services, Ksan's "Stopping the Violence", Sexual Assault Centre and Transition House, Legal Services Society, Women's Centre, and Family Place's Skeena Child Care Resource & Referral, and Skeena Diversity Project. Agency staff will be ready to answer your questions. Safety information for children and youth will be on hand. Everyone welcome. For more information, call the Women's Centre 638-0228.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 12

**Free Family Skate** at the Terrace Arena from 1-2:30 p.m. In celebration of the Terrace Child Development Centre's 30th anniversary, the Centre is providing free family swims and a family skate session to everyone in the community. This is our way of saying "Thank you" for your support over the past 30 years. Free family skate Sunday, Dec. 12 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the arena, and a free family swim Dec. 19 from 1-2:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 14

**Celebrate a Life**, an evening of remembrance, hosted by the Terrace Hospice Society. At the Elks lodge at 2822 Tetrauit St., at 7:30 p.m. A non-denominational candlelight ceremony honouring those loved ones whom we have lost. Call 635-4811 for more information.

The Celiac Support Group meets at the Northwest Health Unit Auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Call Shirley at 635-7568 for more info.

Terrace Toastmasters meets at their new location in the auditorium at the Northwest Health Unit at 3412 Kalum St. at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14. We're always open to new members. If you would like to join us for a meeting, call Bob at 638-0923 or Rolf at 635-6911.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

The Terrace Women's Centre is holding a drop-in planning session for members and community partner groups from noon to 1:30 p.m. Call 638-0228 for more information.

Adult Cookie Decorating at the Terrace Public Library. Dec. 15 from 7-8 p.m. Cookies and decorating materials provided. Free, but, please register by calling 638-8177.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 28

The Terrace Writers Guild meets the last Tuesday of every month from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cafenara. Writers of all descriptions come together to support one another, discuss ongoing projects, set goals and do writing exercises. New members are always welcome. For details call Judi at 638-7607 or Sarah at 638-8899.

**PSAs**  
The syllabus and entry forms for the 2005 Pacific Northwest Music Festival are now available at Sight and Sound (Keith Ave. Mall location). Registration deadline is Jan. 15, 2005. For more information, call Irene at 635-3215.

Free computer and internet lessons at the Terrace Public Library. Register in person or by phone at 638-8177. Lessons are held every day the library is open.

Free weekly Children's Christmas programs at the Terrace public library continue Wednesday, Dec. 8 Crafting with Candace (ages 7-12). Make beautiful ornaments for Christmas. From 4-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 Cookie making (ages 5-10) Make your own cookie masterpieces using edible play dough. Make them at the library and bake them at home. For children aged 5-10. From 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14 Christmas for 2s, songs, stories and crafts from 10-11 a.m. (children aged

2). Wed. Dec. 15 Preschool Christmas (ages 3-5) stories and crafts, from 10-11 a.m. All programs are free but preregister by calling 638-8177.

**Have you ever lived in Prince Rupert?** We are holding a week long Homecoming celebration May 16-23 for all former and present residents. We have a week jammed packed full of things to do and see. Send your name and address to Box 22002 Prince Rupert V6J 4P8 or visit our website at [princeruphomecoming.com](http://princeruphomecoming.com) and we will forward you an information package. Call Leona Zajac at 250-624-9254.

The Shamrock 4-H Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Cassie Hall School Library. New members welcome. Call 635-4134 for more information.

**A Camera Club in Terrace??** Yes, it's starting soon! Do to want to learn about or improve your photography, have some knowledge or expertise, you wouldn't mind sharing, or just want to get together with other photographers for outings, etc. For more information, please contact David Watson at 638-0146 or email him at [david@davidwatsonphotographicart.com](mailto:david@davidwatsonphotographicart.com).

Free computer and internet lessons at the Terrace Public Library. Wednesday evenings from 5-9 p.m. And Saturdays and Sundays. Register in person or by phone at 638-8177. All ability levels welcome.

The Terrace Red Cross Medical Equipment Loan Depot located in the North West Community Health Services building is not out of service. We are experiencing some technical difficulties with the phone line (638-2192). Anyone wishing to borrow equipment from the Red Cross Depot should call 615-2322 and leave a message that includes a call-back number.

Terrace Anti-Poverty Group Society is looking for donations of Christmas gifts for our annual children's Christmas campaign. Donations can be dropped off at 4628 Park Ave. For more information on how to sponsor a child or family, please contact Rosanne at 635-4631. We are looking for donations of gifts for children aged newborn to 18 years. We're also looking for donations of non-perishable food items. Cash donations are accepted as well. The funds go towards purchasing gifts for many of our local children who, would otherwise have nothing under their Christmas tree this year. A charitable tax receipt will be issued for all monetary donations.

**Mentors needed:** Children in the In-School Mentoring program are eagerly awaiting the chance to have a mentor spend one hour a week with them, just hanging out and having fun. For the Mentor, it's a meaningful opportunity to make a profound difference in the life of a child. For more information, call 635-4232.

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Terrace Emergency Shelter accepts donations of used clothing - coats, gloves, socks, sweaters, hats - anything to help keep those less fortunate warm and dry. Donations can be dropped off at Ksan House Society office at 4724 Lazelle Ave. (the pink house behind McDonald's), or at the shelter at 2812 Hall St. anytime.

Support After Suicide, a new self-support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one or friend from suicide. You need to know you are not alone. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of the month, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stone Clubhouse. Call 638-1347 for more information.

Soup Kitchen, operating every Monday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Kermode Friendship Society, 3313 Kalum St. Enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a bun! Call Angela or Louisa for more information at 635-4906.

The Terrace Community Band rehearses Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Skeena Junior Band Room. We welcome all adult wind musicians and percussionists to join in the fun! Info: please call 635-4728.

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Dec. 2, 3, 4 - Caledonia Musical This year's awesome performance... *Hello Dolly*. 8:00 p.m. Tickets - Misty River Books and the Caledonia School Office. \$7 for Thursday performance, \$13 for Friday and Saturday performances.

Dec. 11 - A Winter Festival. The Terrace Community Band with Special Guests: The Pacific Mist Chorus Sweet Adelines. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10.00 Adults \$8.00 for senior and students, children 12 and under free. Tickets available from band members or at the door.

Dec. 14 - Northern Escape Heli-Skiing presents Warren Miller's "Impact" the 2004 Ski Movie. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10.00 in advance (available at Azad Sports) \$12.00 at the door.

Dec. 15 - Skeena Junior Secondary Christmas Concert Featuring the Skeena Concert and Jazz Bands. Come out and hear these hardworking young musicians. 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation.

Dec. 18, 20 - The Nutcracker - a Northern Conservatory of Dance production. Saturday, Dec. 18 - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 19 - 1:00 p.m. General admission - all seats \$12.00. Tickets available at Creative Zone & Cafenara or by calling 638-1172.

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# Putting the magic back in Christmas

By JENNIFER LANG  
LEAH CORREIA remembers what it was like seeing the Nutcracker ballet for the first time. She was six years old.

She marveled at the beauty of the costumes and the lightness of the dancers. But most of all, she remembers sitting in the theatre and being transported far away.

It became a lasting, precious memory of the holiday season.

"Seeing the Nutcracker at Christmas is so incredible," says Correia, who is now the artistic director of her own dance studio.

Later this month, she and 60 local dancers will create that experience for children and their families in Terrace, when the Northern Conservatory of Dance presents its own production of the classic ballet.

She describes the show as exciting, dreamy and whimsical - a perfect fit for anyone wanting to soak up the tidings of the season.

It's an ambitious project, featuring about 60 dancers from age 4 to 20, and more than 900 costumes.

"For some of these kids, this will be their only experience to do the Nutcracker ballet," she says.

The lead role of Clara is played by eight-year-old Sandra Yoo.

She's one of 13 principal dancers who are putting in between 20 and 30 hours of rehearsal and training time a week.

In addition to two shows here Dec. 18 and 19, the Nutcracker will also be performed in Kitimat twice Dec. 13 at the Mount Elizabeth theatre for local school children. It's a chance for



SWEET DEAMS: Sandra Yoo, 8, as Clara and Marianne Palahicky, 12, as the Rat King are two of the students in the production. REBECCA COLLARD PHOTO

the dancers to experience a taste of what it's like for a touring dance company.

The story is set in a household just before Christmas, where the parents are having a party. The children, Clara and Fritz, are surprised when their uncle shows up, bring-

ing them dolls that come to life.

Clara is devastated when another child at the party breaks her favourite, the Nutcracker. Later that evening, the Nutcracker sends the children and their uncle on a magical journey to fan-

tasy lands.

The five-year-old studio already has another big production under its belt, Aladdin. But Correia says Nutcracker is even more elaborate.

"I think people will really be surprised with Nut-

cracker."

She says the calibre of the dancing performed by the students is higher in the Nutcracker, which is what

oracles Correia the most. "It's really rewarding," she says, adding the troupe just completed its first run-through a few days ago. "It went really well."

She tries to instill the philosophy of teamwork, where older students help the younger ones.

"Especially with an ensemble," she says, "You have to be able to work well together."

Correia is grateful for the

other help she's receiving on the production. Theresa Palahicky is responsible for organizing the costumes.

The enormous job of organizing the costumes is being done by Theresa Palahicky, and the sets are by Alex Levesque, who works as a custodian at Veritas School.

"He's brilliant, absolutely brilliant," she says. "His set design is amazing."

The Northern Conservatory of Dance presents the Nutcracker at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee Dec. 19.

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## Community Calendar

### PSAs - continued

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## Skeena Valley Snowmobile Association

The Skeena Valley Snowmobile Association provides safe and easy access to snowmobile areas around the Terrace area. Terrace is a major tourist area and the association is working with different agencies to open recreational areas for the purpose of promoting the sport of snowmobiling.

Currently the association maintains three cabins in two different areas. Two on Sterling (one of which is located in the Nisga'a Provincial Park and requires an annual fee) and one on Terrace Mountain in the Copper River area. The majority of the funds received from Lucky Dollar Bingo this year were used to rebuild the cabin on Copper Mountain. All of these cabins are used as a shelter for hikers, four-wheelers and snowmobilers. The trails to these areas have to be maintained and kept in good, safe condition. This is accomplished by grooming them with a Sno-Cat which is a costly piece of equipment to maintain and insure.



## SPORTS

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MARGARET SPEIRS

SKEENA ANGLER  
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## Giftmas 2004

**H**ugh and Vic had the Hai Creek Run book ended. Hugh was working the top slot. Vic was working his way up from the tail.

"Hey Robbie!" shouted Hugh as I waded out into the river.

"Watch out for that hole, eh," he added as I stepped into it and sank in the river up to my chest.

"How is it?" I asked trying to maintain my equilibrium.

"It's still a little too high," said Hughie as he reached into his pack and pulled out a circular flask. "Take the edge off?"

Happy hour was a long way off, but I took a pull anyway and enjoyed the illusory warmth spreading through my chest.

"It's a blend of scotch and liqueur," he said.

By that time Vic had joined the conference at midstream. He tucked his rod under his arm, reached into his vest and pulled out a small thermos, unscrewed that cap that doubled as a cup, pressed a red button on the top of the thermos and filled the cup cap with coffee.

Obviously liking the idea, Hugh reached into his chest pack and pulled a twin to Vic's silvery thermos and did the same.

After the coffee break, we hiked east on the bear trail and crossed the river.

I sat on the benches at Finlay's memorial and watched the two Kitimat rod-slingers as I ate lunch.

As I munched, it occurred to me that some of the tricks that these two anglers have devised to make fall and winter fishing a pleasurable experience would make good Christmas gifts for outdoors men in general and fishermen in particular.

Breathable waders are all the rage now. This is understandable given their many advantages, including their light weight and ease of repair, but for fishing in Skeena in late fall and winter (which is the coldest river fishing you'll find anywhere) they're insufficient.

Neoprene waders with stocking feet are inadequate too for the simple reason that wading boots inhibit circulation.

Vic and Hugh wear boot foot neoprenes made by Bare; on their recommendation I bought a pair recently and after a few warm outings, I've added my endorsement to theirs.

Cold hands are another perennial pain. Hugh and Vic use rag wool fingerless gloves. I prefer the glove mitt combination models; both types are easily found. Nothing beats wool for the cold and wet.

And what about those thermoses? Smaller than most, theirs could be slipped snugly into a vest pocket and appeared to hold about two cups worth of whatever hot liquid a guy decided to fill them with.

Hugh told me he got his at Starbucks, but you can find them at a local shop, I'm sure.

Hugh's chest pack, a kind of back and front affair with a front panel that can be pulled down like an ironing board, has the fine feature of making the frustrating pocket search with frozen fingers unnecessary since everything that gets lots of use in a day can be placed out front for effortless access. I've seen these chest packs priced around \$80 in a number of tackle stores.

A good windproof butane lighter and one of those red, felt-covered hand warmers that are fueled by charcoal sticks, are two excellent gifts for fishers, shooters and the indefatigable hikers like the ones I meet hiking over the Terrace Mountain Trail in icy winter months.

And, while we're on the subject of hikers, I found some dandy telescoping hiking staffs in Terrace's foremost lure house, Misty River. So taken was I with the construction of these poles and the fact that they weren't built in China, that I bought one for my dad for his 86th birthday and asked him to test drive it.

At first he was reluctant to use it but shortly thereafter, he fell and chipped his shoulder. He's been leaning on the pole ever since and reports it holds him up well.

Yak Trax, an elastic rubber snow and ice shoe wound with tungsten coils, is another wonderful gift for hikers who stride through the icy seasons - and fishermen too, for that matter. Yak Trax are easily pulled over wading boots or hiking shoes in seconds and (if you buy the deluxe version) fastened into place with the Velcro strap.

You can get Yak Trax at Red Wing shoes where Pat MacDonald also has a few brands of outdoor socks, all of them good and worth their weight in Canadian coins.

Finally, every tackle shop in the land seems to have a 40 per cent off sale on Sage rods, making them affordable. Vic and Hugh both fish one.

Show your neighbours you're thinking of them at this time of year and shop locally, Merry Yule.



TERRACE BLUEBACKS mug for the camera during the swim meet at the Mike Smithers Pool in Ketchikan, Alaska on Nov. 12. The team swam in a shorter pool and made new friends with their American competitors at the international event. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

## Bluebacks visit Alaska

By MARGARET SPEIRS

NOVEMBER was a busy month for the Terrace Bluebacks who made their competitive debut in Alaska, swam in Smithers and raced in Prince George.

Regional Bluebacks took the ferry to Ketchikan, AK, for their first U.S. meet.

Ketchikan offered the Bluebacks an opportunity to shine, coach Mike Carlyle said.

"Their performance was excellent. They came together very well as a team," Carlyle said, adding the swimmers supported each other.

The Alaskan teams provided good competition for the Bluebacks, who pushed themselves to perform well.

Brandon Williams won all but two of his races and swam faster times in all of his races.

The Alaskan swimmers enjoyed having the Bluebacks visit.

"It was exciting for them to have a Canadian team there," Carlyle said, adding the Bluebacks' trip to Ketchikan was the first time a Canadian team had competed there in five years.

The Alaskan teams, including Juneau, Sitka

and others from the southeastern region of the state, were very competitive, had a different warmup procedure and swam shorter distances.

Ketchikan's Mike Smithers Pool stretched 25 yards long, or 22.5 m, about 10 per cent shorter than the 25-metre pool at the Terrace Aquatic Centre.

Swimmers travelled the same number of laps but rather than 200 metres, for example, the distance would be 200 yards.

Hayley Schmiedel, competing in the butterfly for the first time, found the 200 yards easier to swim, Carlyle said.

The team plans to travel to Ketchikan again next year and hopes the Alaskan teams will participate in a meet here.

"They'd like to come down to the Northwest," he said.

During their off-time, the Bluebacks saw the sights of America's largest state, experienced the hospitality of their billeting families and made new friends.

Smithers welcomed Kitimat, Prince Rupert

and the Bluebacks to its Fall Meet on Nov. 20 and 21.

Almost every Blueback scored personal bests in all their events, not bad for first-time competitors Brandy Bailey, Marlee Benzer, Luke Derow and Della Orrey.

Danica Devost swam personal best times for the second time this season.

The teams were ranked according to most personal bests and Terrace swam to second place behind Kitimat.

Provincial swimmers Caitlin Scales and Allison Knoedler took part in Prince George's Fall Invitational Meet.

Knoedler used the meet to prepare for upcoming provincial meets and focused on turns and stroke counts.

Knoedler, who swims in an older age category this year, is ranked fifth going into her next provincial meet, Victoria's Christmas Cracker, this weekend.

Meanwhile, the regional Bluebacks travel to Prince Rupert for a midwinter invitational meet.

## Archers shoot wild animals in Copperside Stables arena

By MARGARET SPEIRS

WILD ANIMALS ran loose at Copperside Stables last month but thanks to some steady shooting by Terrace Whiskey Jack archers, the city remained safe.

Participants from Kitimat, Smithers and Prince Rupert took turns shooting at the 30 foam animals during the Terrace Whiskey Jack Archery Club's 3-D indoor competition over the Nov. 27 weekend.

At the end of three rounds, first place in the men's traditional, or long bow, category went to Colin Bennett from Prince Rupert, who shot 580.

Terrace's John Sandhals shot 517 for second and Matt Ridler came third with 499.

Women's traditional was won by Cynthia Ridler's 329 shoot.

Second went to Lorna Sandhals with her 267 and Gail Bennett from Prince Rupert came third with 164.

Judy Maurer of Smithers won the women's bare bow with a 415 and Tiffany Hutchings of Rupert took second place with 185.

Men's recurve went to the lone New Aiyansh entry, Alan Correia, for his 691, followed closely by brother Richard Correia with 578 and Chris Barton's 401 was enough for third.

Travis Hutchings of Rupert finished the junior bowhunter sighted category with 421.

Bowhunter sighted was won by club president Jaco Fourie who shot 770.

Gerrie Maurer of Smithers took second with 592 and Ludwig de Jager finished a close third with 579.

Max Ursic of Smithers completed the men's unlimited division with 727.

Everyone shot three targets at each of 10 stations in each round over the weekend.

For variety, one station required archers to sit in a chair and another let them stand on a platform.

"Changing the angle makes it different," Fourie said, adding the difference in angles makes shooting more difficult.

"A large part of archery is consistency."

From the platform, archers had to hit a bunny, which was the closest target at four yards, an elk at the far end of the shooting range and a mountain lion laying on the ground about midway.

"It's surprising how many miss it," he said of the bunny.

It's challenging because archers with sights can't adjust for the animal's closeness, Fourie said.

The moose, which was the farthest target, forced archers to shoot 38 yards across the arena.

The Whiskey Jack archers' next tournament shoots over Mother's Day weekend in May.



WHISKEY JACK archers John Sandhals, left, club president Jaco Fourie and Ludwig de Jager remove their arrows from one of 30 targets shot during the club's 3-D indoor competition at Copperside Stables on Nov. 27 and 28. Fourie won his category. Sandhals and de Jager placed second in their divisions.







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**First Nations Studies 215 Issues in External Relations for Contemporary Indigenous Peoples**  
Thursdays 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Geography 401 Resource Geography**  
Mondays 5 pm to 8 pm

**History 421 Wilderness/Parks/Aboriginal People**  
Tuesdays 5 pm to 8 pm

**History 453 Women and Islam in the Middle East**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 pm to 5 pm

#### Continuing Studies Courses

**Transforming the Cage: The Dynamics of Oppression & the Function of Ancestral Law**  
January 15 & 16

**The Art of Negotiation**  
January 26

**Conflict Resolution**  
February 9

\* Courses subject to sufficient enrollment

For more information on these courses and how to apply & register, contact:

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#### 270 Help Wanted

### Employment Opportunity

#### Applications are being accepted for a part-time Customer Service Agent/Rental Clerk

Responsibilities include renting vehicles, office duties and the washing and cleaning of cars and trucks. Applicants must be able to work evenings and weekends. Interested candidates are to bring their resumes into 4542 Lakelse Ave., Terrace, B.C.

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#### NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRINCE RUPERT

### FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Northwest Community College, Prince Rupert Campus, in partnership with the First Nations Training and Education Centre, is delivering the First Nations Public Administration Program in Prince Rupert. Each course is taught in modular format, total 45 hours over a two-week period. Salary will be in accordance with the Agreement between Northwest Community College and the BCGEU Instructor Scale.

We invite applications for instructors for the following courses:

**FNPA 102:** Leadership and Strategic Management (January 24-February 4, 2005)

**FNPA 103:** Aboriginal and Commercial Law (February 21-March 4, 2005)

**MGMT255:** Human Resources Management (March 14-29, 2005)

**MGMT 251:** Organizational Behaviour (April 11-22, 2005)

**FNPA 104:** External and Internal communications (May 2-13, 2005)

Qualifications/Skills: Applicants should have a Masters Degree in a related discipline as well as practical experience in the field. A suitable combination of education and experience will be considered. Candidates must have a knowledge and understanding of First Nations culture and issues, experience in administration of a First Nations organization is a definite asset.

Please identify the course(s) you are applying for. A combination of courses may result in a temporary regular workload.

Respond in confidence by submitting a current resume and quoting competition # 04.1628 to: Human Resources Department, Northwest Community College, 5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 4X2. FAX 250.638.5475. Email scates@nwcc.bc.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closing date: December 14, 2004



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**THE CHOICES PROGRAM** (Terrace & District Community Services) is looking for Casual/On-Call employees. Applicants must be 19 years of age. If you have Grade 12 and are interested in working with people who are developmentally delayed, and you must obtain: TB & Tetanus, Criminal Record Checks, Level 1 Adult Care First Aid Ticket. Must have valid Class 5 and must obtain Class 4 Driver's License within 3 months. Must be available to work weekends. We support cultural diversity. Please pick up an application at the Choices' office at 4916 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace, B.C. For more information call the Choices' Office at 250-635-7863 (47c3)

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#### NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE Eastern Region

Northwest Community College's (NWCC) Continuing Education department plays a critical role in meeting the education and training needs of residents and employers across Northwestern British Columbia. We provide courses and short-term training programs in a diverse range of subject areas from health and safety, hospitality and tourism, business and professional development, natural resources and more.

NWCC's Eastern Region invites applications for temporary part-time on-call instructors to teach and/or evaluate (as required) a variety of Continuing Education courses for delivery in Hazelton, Houston, and Smithers. Course durations will vary depending on the instructional requirements and standards identified by certifying bodies. Salary will be in accordance with the Collective Agreement between the College and the BCGEU Instructor Scale.

Duties: To instruct or evaluate (as required) one of more Continuing Education courses in accordance with curriculum delivery guidelines. Instructors certified to teach (or evaluate) any of the following courses are encouraged to apply:

- Map and Compass Basics
- GPS Basics
- Workplace Safety and Protection (for remote wilderness and bush camp environments)
- Bear Aware
- Small Engine Repair and Maintenance
- Line Cutting and Grid Layout Methods
- Rock and Soil Sampling Techniques
- Rock and Mineral Identification
- Camp Construction, Safety and Management
- Wilderness Safety and Survival
- Core Splitting and Bagging
- ATV Operation and Safety
- Chainsaw Operation and Safety
- Helicopter Safety and Field Communications
- Accessing Map, OriPhoto, & Satellite Data Online
- Induced Polarization Surveying

Qualifications: Successful applicants must demonstrate a relevant combination of education, skills, and experience for any courses they are applying to teach. Where required, applicants must demonstrate certification as an approved instructor (e.g. WCB), or possess relevant work and teaching experience - a BC Teacher's Certificate or Provincial Instructor Diploma is an asset. As per certifying body requirements, a criminal records check may be required by persons participating in the training of minors. Preferred applicants will have strong organizational, interpersonal and communication (written & oral) skills; experience working with adults in an educational setting; and a proven ability to work as part of a team with the capacity to provide a motivational learning environment.

Please indicate the position(s) you are applying for.

Respond in confidence, by submitting a current resume and quoting competition #04.1898 to: Human Resources Department, Northwest Community College, 5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 4X2 Fax: (250) 638-5475 Email: scates@nwcc.bc.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closing date: December 31, 2004



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## 314 Child Care

## Looking for Child Care?

Skeena Child Care Resource and Referral has information on child care options and on choosing child care. Drop by The Family Place at 4553 Park Ave. Wed-Fri • 10am-4pm or call 638-1113. Skeena CCR is a program of the Terrace Women's Resource Society and is funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

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Application packages containing the full eligibility and proposal requirements are available at the

**Prince George Human Resources Centre of Canada:**

**1363 Fourth Avenue  
Prince George, B.C. V2L 3J6**

OR

**Terrace Human Resource Centre of Canada  
4630 Lazelle Avenue  
Terrace, B.C. V8G 1S6**

Proposals and funding applications must be received no later than the close of business: **4:30 on Friday December 31st, 2004.**

Please make any inquiries with respect to this Call for Proposals to: **Mary Bassett**

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada  
Telephone: (250) 561-5200 extension 255  
Email: [mary.bassett@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:mary.bassett@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

An information meeting will be held at the Prince George HRSDC office 1:00 pm December 13, 2004 and in the Terrace HRSDC office 1:00 pm December 16, 2004.

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**Wednesday, December 8, 2004**

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CITY OF TERRACE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

**TAKE NOTICE** THAT application has been made to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 1431-1995.

## THE SUBJECT LANDS:

The application affects all land zoned Mobile Home Park Residential (R6), within the City of Terrace.

## THE INTENT:

To amend Zoning Bylaw 1431-1995 by adding the following as a permitted use in the Mobile Home Park Residential (R6) zone: **Accessory use, including a secondary suite within the single detached caretaker residence.**

## BYLAW INSPECTION:

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BYLAW AND RELEVANT BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS MAY BE INSPECTED** in the reception area at the City of Terrace Public Works Building at 5003 Graham Avenue, Terrace, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day from **Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, to Monday, December 13th, 2004**, excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

## PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS:

Any persons wishing to voice their opinions regarding this application may do so in writing, and/or in person, **AT THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2004.**

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, R.S.B.C., 1996, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

TAKE NOTICE and be governed accordingly.

RON POOLE, Chief Administrative Officer

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT  
ON THE PROPOSED BC TIMBER SALES,  
SKEENA BUSINESS AREA  
KALUM FOREST DISTRICT  
1999 - 2005 FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN:  
MAJOR AMENDMENT #10

Ministry of  
Forests



Notice is hereby given that the Skeena Business Area, BC Timber Sales proposed Forest Development Plan (FDP) Major Amendment #10 is available for public review and comment. The plan proposes operations in the:

## Thunderbird Operating Area

The proposed FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development, maintenance, and deactivation required for the term of this plan. The plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other non-timber resource values in the area. It is available for review and comment by resource agencies and the public before the Ministry of Forests puts the plan into effect.

The proposed plan is made available for review and comment to provide the opportunity to address concerns of the public and resource users. The Forest Development Plan will be available for review at the dates, times and locations listed below:

November 1, 2004 to December 30, 2004 (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Ministry of Forests - Terrace Timber Sales Office #209-3220 Keith Avenue, Terrace
November 1, 2004 to December 30, 2004 (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Kalum Ventures Ltd. Office #203-4650 Lazelle Ave, Terrace
November 1, 2004 to December 30, 2004 (Regular Opening Hours)	Terrace Public Library 4610 Park Avenue, Terrace
November 1, 2004 to December 30, 2004 (Regular Opening Hours)	Kitimat Public Library 940 Wakashan, Kitimat

If interested parties are unavailable to review the proposed plans during the above times, arrangements can be made to review the plan at a time convenient for them. If you would like to discuss the proposed plan with a BC Timber Sales Planning Officer, please contact the Terrace Timber Sales office to arrange a meeting.

Please forward any comments, questions or concerns in writing, by no later than Dec 30, 2004, to Lyle Bolton or Ron Bartlett at Kalum Ventures Ltd, #203-4650 Lazelle Ave, Terrace, BC.

E-mail: [lyle.kalumventures@monarch.net](mailto:lyle.kalumventures@monarch.net) or [ron.kalumventures@monarch.net](mailto:ron.kalumventures@monarch.net)  
Ph: 250-635-8060, Fax: 250-635-8062.

## Appel de propositions

Ressources humaines et Développement des compétences Canada (RHDC) accepte les propositions de financement de la part des organismes intéressés à obtenir de l'aide financière pour offrir la prestation d'emploi intitulée **Développement des compétences par un Coordonnateur local aux chômeurs de la région de Prince George, Mackenzie, Valemount, McBride, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Kitimat, Hazelton, Smithers, Houston, Queen Charlotte Islands et les communautés avoisinantes.**

Vous trouverez les troupes de demande, contenant toutes les exigences quant à l'admissibilité et à la présentation d'une proposition, au:

**Centre de ressources humaines du Canada de Prince George**

**1363, 4<sup>e</sup> Ave, Prince George, (C.-B.) V2L 3J6**

OU

**au Centre de ressources humaines du Canada de Terrace**

**4630 Lazelle Ave Terrace, (C.-B.) V8G 1S6**

Les propositions et les demandes de financement doivent nous parvenir avant la fermeture des bureaux Vendredi, le 31 décembre, 2004 à 16 h 30.

Pour de plus amples renseignements sur cet appel de propositions, veuillez vous adresser à: **Mary Bassett**.

Ressources humaines et Développement des compétences Canada

Téléphone: (250) 561 5200 Poste 255

Courriel: [mary.bassett@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:mary.bassett@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

Une session d'information sera offerte au bureau de RHDC le 13 décembre, 2004 à 13h00 et à RHDC Terrace le 16 décembre, 2004 à 13h00.

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## Sport Scope

### TESSA tourney at Thornhill

GRADE 6 and 7 boys volleyball teams travelled to Thornhill Jr. Secondary for a TESSA tournament recently.

Centennial Christian's Grade 7 boys finished in third and their Grade 6 team scored fourth place.

"That's actually right where we thought we could be according to the play that happened during the season," said Tim Block, Grade 7 coach.

Uplands and Clarence Michiel played in the Grade 6 boys final.

Clarence Michiel won the final set of the best of three. Uplands Grade 6 coach Edward Gray said his team played hard to score their second place finish.

"We had to play four games back to back to back," he said, adding his boys played well and have learned a lot since the start of the year.

All the teams showed great sportsmanship and skill, he said.

### Terrace tops bonspiel

LOCAL CURLERS swept their way to the top at the Totem Mixed Bonspiel last month.

Joan Kucharyshen's team won Event A, leaving Smithers' Ron Vanderstar's team, which included her daughter Rebecca Kucharyshen, in second place.

Jerry Bakker took third.

The B event win went to Warren Copeland, who defeated Dino Diana.

Dennis Fugere placed third.

John Evans' team rounded out the Terrace winners as he beat Andrew Simpson for the C event win.

David D. Hull of Terrace took third place.

Joan Kucharyshen's team competes at the interregional playdowns in Smithers this weekend.

### All Native qualifying tourney

THE 14TH ANNUAL All Native Qualifying Tournament wrapped up recently in Prince Rupert with the top two teams in each division advancing to the 46th All Native Tournament.

Twenty five teams competed for the coveted top spot in four divisions, which allows them to forego the \$350 entry fee for the February tourney.

Our local teams failed to qualify.

Terrace's lone entry in the intermediate category finished in fifth spot.

Kincolith finished sixth and Gitwinkshilkw took eighth place in the seniors' division.

Massett won the masters' division and finished second in the women's division.

Kitkalla won the women's division and scored second place in the intermediate and masters' divisions.

Klemtu won the intermediate division.

Bella Bella won and Hartley Bay came second in the seniors' division.

The 46th Annual All Native Basketball Tournament bounces onto the court from Feb. 6 to 12 in Terrace.

### Boys volleyball in Richmond

CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN Sr. Boys Volleyball took their high hopes to their first provincials in Richmond over the Nov. 27 weekend, but couldn't quite reach the ball.

The team placed seventh.

"We hoped to do better," coach Julia Tuininga said.

The team had qualified for the tournament whereas Houston Christian, who finished second, had received a wild card spot.

"We've beaten them all season so there's not much difference between seventh and second," she said, adding Centennial lost their quarter final by two points to the host team.

Tuininga believed her players felt the pressure of their first provincial championships but "otherwise they did well."

Power player Daniel Dykman won an all-star award and the opportunity to try out for the all-star team.

Tuininga said her team's goal was to go to provincials and have fun and learn.

Not bad for a team that's only been together for three years.

"We're very proud of them. They did very well," she said.

### Certified curling coaches

FIVE TERRACE Level 1 curling coaches took part in the National Coaching Certification Program to complete their Level 2 certification here last month.

Kathie Simpson, Duane Melanson, Joan Kucharyshen, Jackie Munson and Sylvia Griffith can now coach youth for the B.C. Winter Games after their intensive weekend of practical and theoretical learning.

The six Terrace coaches went through a fast paced, hands-on session covering basic delivery, sweeping, strategy, instructing techniques and game strategy.

Certified Curl B.C. instructors filmed the six Terrace participants so they could learn by watching their mistakes.

Formal certification is a priority of most provincial and national sports bodies.

Higher level competitions at the regional, provincial and national level now require certified coaches.



SKIP Nash Park calls the shot in Game 2 for Terrace.

### Terrace rink clinches Games berth

AFTER WINNING the best of three close games against Kitimat, Terrace's junior curling team qualified for the B.C. Winter Games in Dawson Creek next year.

Terrace's rink, skipped by Nash Park, 14, beat Kitimat in the second and third games of the qualifying tournament last Saturday after losing in Kitimat Friday evening.

The third match saw Terrace win 8-7 after Kitimat tied the game in the seventh end.

Park executed a hit and roll off a Kitimat rock behind several guards to get shot rock.

Kitimat's skip threw her rock through the house and Park won without having to throw his final rock.

"It was probably the best of all the games,"

coach Joan Kucharyshen said.

"It was a nail biter all the way."

Earlier in the day, Terrace won the second game in the tie-breaking ninth end 10-7.

The team improved in every game, Kucharyshen said.

The team will practise against the juvenile boys and girls in preparation for next year.

Park will continue to skip even though he has less experience than his second Scott Rosentreter and third Jody Kucharyshen.

Everyone was comfortable having him skip, Kucharyshen said. "It's good to have a confident third behind you too."

The B.C. Winter Games gears up for action from Feb. 3 to 6 in Dawson Creek.



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■ Dec 10 and 11 Terrace's River Industries PeeWee Rep Hockey skates at home against Kitimat Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m.

■ Dec 10 and 11 Caledonia hosts the Kermode Classic Sr Boys Basketball Tournament. For info, call 635-6531.

■ Dec 10 and 11 Inland Kenworth

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